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Madras Record Office.

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OF

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[*From January 2 to December 31, 1700.*]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1699-1700*——

The Consultation and Diary Book of Thomas Pitt Esqr: President & Governour &c^{a}: Councill their Proceedings & Transaction in the Affairs of the R^{t}: Honble: English East India Company in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell &c^{a}: Begun the ℘^{mo}: January 1699-1700.

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Received Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour &c^{a}: Councill at Fort S^{t}: David dated 30th: Ult^{o}: past, incloseing a Petition from Rowland Wilson to the Honble: President &c^{a}: Councill, representing his being sent out Serjan[t] by the Company on the Nassaw, but detain'd by the Supra-cargoes of said Ship as their Linguist for Emoy in China, and after effecting their Business that he embarkt for Malacca, thence to Acheen and so to Fort S^{t}: David, where he now remains. hee further adds, that promise was made him by some of the Comittee, that upon his arrivall here, he should have an Ensigns Comission, which by his Petition he now requests.

Therewith came Generall Letters from Messrs: Rawdon and Brewster Supra-cargoes of Ship Nassaw at Emoy dated ℘^{mo}: January $169\frac{8}{9}$ and from Capt: James Minty dated 29th: Dec^{r}: 1698 recomending said Rowland Wilson for his good service as the Linguist at Emoy.

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 3

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS — ROGER BRADDYLL

THOMAS WRIGHT — MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL — JOHN MEVERELL

Bills drawn from York Fort, Ordered to be paid.

Order'd that Pag^{s}: 1577 : 15 : 1 be paid, being for the following Bills drawn by the Deputy Govr: & Councill of York Fort Viz^{t}:

To Henry Harnett dated	20th :	Aug^{t} : 1698 for Doll :	109 : 2 : 1	P :	64 :	17 :	2
William Proby ...	30	... ...	250 :	„	147 :	2 :	1
Thomas Harris ...	3	Sep^{r} :	175 :	„	102 :	33 :	5
Henry Harnett ...	...	... ...	250 :	„	147 :	2 :	...
[illegible] Kilpatrick ...	17	... ...	97 :	„	57 :	2 :	1
[illegible] Chardin and [illegible] Blackwall.	27	Dec^{r} :	300 :	„	176 :	17 :	...
[illegible] Harris ...	13	Febr^{y} : $169\frac{8}{9}$ ...	800 :	„	470 :	21 :	1
[illegible]atsell Esqr :	...	... ...	400 :	„	235 :	10 :	3
[illegible]y ...	20	... ...	300 :	„	176 :	17 :	...
		Doll^{s} :	2681 : 2 : 1	Pa :	1577 :	15 :	1

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Portuguez Soldier dis-charg'd.

Order'd that John Mountera Portuguez Soldier bee discharg'd this Garrison at his request.

Pags : 1000 order'd ye : Paymr : to defray charges.

Order'd that Pags : one thousand be paid Mr : Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

At Metch-lepm : to draw Bills, not ex-ceeding 5000 Pags :

Upon Debate, It is resolved by Majority, that wee write a Generall Letter to Metchlepatam, Empowering Messrs : Lovell &ca : to draw Bills on us, not exceeding Five thousand Pags : to enable their compleating what Goods they have already Contracted for, and carrying on the Rt : Honr : Companys business.

Sea custom accots : for Mo : November read &

Mr : Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his accot : Sea-Customs for month November last, particulars Vizt :

To Custom on Goods Exported and Imported this month.	Pags :	1031 :	6 :	5
To Custom on Grain	„	41 :	17 :	4
	Pags :	1072 :	24 :	3

Pags : 1382 : 13 pd : on that accot :

and pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 1382 : 13 on that account.

Pags : 1000 for fanams coin'd pd : Rt : H : Comps : cash

Generall Letter from Fort St : David dated 30th : Decemr : last, read.

The President pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : cash Pags : one thousand for Fanams coin'd in the Mint to that amount.

Mr : Hunt to be allow'd 100 Pas : ₧ ann : & why. with 30 Pas : for Palankeen hire.

Order'd that Pags : one hundred be allow'd Mr : Richd : Hunt annually for his Pains in the management of the Tobacco business and Thirty Pags : for Palankeen hire, his attendance att the Petta's and out Vilages being required.

Pags : 500 advanc'd for buying Tobacco.

Order'd that Pags : five hunder'd be advanc'd to Mr : Richard Hunt to buy Tobacco for sale by retail accot : the Rt : Honble : Company.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMS : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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Dispatch'd Generall Letters to the Deputy Governour &ca : Councill at Fort St : David and to Messrs : Lovell &ca : ffactors at Metchlepatam both dated the 3d : Instant.

Ship St : Caietan John de Mark Noqueda arrived from Manilha & Acheen.

MONDAY 8TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSO[N]
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

Europeans entertain'd in ye : Gun-room.

Order'd that Peter Jero and Adrian Barron bee entertain'd in

Rt : H : Comps : cash for Mo : Decr : read.

The President read his accot : of the Rt : Honble : Comps : c December, the Ballance being Pags : 3853 : 30 : 4.

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Land custom accot: for Mo· Novr: read &

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer read his accots: for the month November last, particulars Vizt:

Choultry Custom	Pags:	290:	27:	55
Trivlecane Custom	,,	...:	1:	50
Rubie Brokers	,,	29:	25:	25
Cloth Brokers	,,	...:	26:	30
Registring Slave	,,	...:	8:	...
Town rents	,,	6:	35:	78
Confiscation	,,	5:	...	...
	Pags:	333:	16:	78

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Four hundred seventy eight on that account.

Pags: 478 pd: on yt: account.

Order'd that Pags: 1036: 27 be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall, being both Principal and Intrest due on a Bond dated 11th: August 1699.

Bill at Intrest order'd to be paid.

To prevent abuses at the Sea-Custom house in the weighing and measureing Duty It is agreed an Englishman be employed for that purpose, and Thomas Way being esteem'd a fitt person, that he be allowed five Pags: ℘ mensem, to commence the ℘mo: Instant, and from that time, all Revenues to pay Servants wages &ca: charges on the particular Branches.

An Englishman entertain'd weigher & measurer at the Sea Custom house.

Mr: Foquet reporting that great murmuring is made by demanding Quit rent of the Gunroom Crew, which amounting to no more then 12 or 14 Pags: annually, Order'd it be remitted them in consideration that the Souldiers are excused.

The Gunroom crew excus'd paying Quit rent.

The Ganjee leafs being included in the Cowle deliver'd the Tobacco farmers last year under the same limitation with the Tobacco, and by them let to Rent for 40 or 50 Pags: ℘ annum, and Mr: Hunt reporting he is offer'd Pags: one hundred & Ten for the Ganjee only, and that they cannot be persuaded to give more, which being so considerable an advance and judg'd by us not worth the Comps: Managery, It is resolved a Cowle be drawn for one year to be paid quarterly into the Rt: H: Comps: cash.

The Ganjee to be rented for 110 Pags:

Mr: Richard Hunt Tobacco Manager read his accot: of Tobacco sold from the 21st: December last to the 31st: do: amounting to Pags: 222: 22: 15.

Tobacco Manager his accots: read.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

9th

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 6th: Instant.

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Ship Fleetwood Richard Rose Master arrived from Vizagapatam, by which received Generall Letters from the Cheif &ca: Councill dated the 20th: & 21st: Decr: last, with their Diary commenceing ℘mo: Novr: & ending the 30th: December last.

THURSDAY 11

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date read & signed and Genl: Letters from Vizagapatam dated 20th: & 21st: December last, also from Fort St: David of the 6th: Instant, all read.

Genl: Letters sent & recd: read.

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[11TH]

Mint Accots: for four months ending Decr: 1699 read.

The President read his Mint acco^{t}: for the months of September, October, November & December last, Viz^{t}:

Sep^{r}: To Custom of Gold & Silver coin'd ...	Pa:	62 : 21 : —	Rs. 196 : 6 :—
Oct^{r}: To Custom of Gold coin'd	„	109 : 19 : —	
Nov^{r}: To Custom of Gold and Silver coin'd	„	43 : 5 : 40 :	629 : 11 :—
Dec^{r}: To Custom of Gold coin'd	„	25 : 22 : —	
	Pags:	240 : 31 : 40	R : 826 : 1

the Ballance of December being Pag^{s}: 240 : 31 : 40 and Rupees 2865 : 2.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of this Date incloseing Invoice of Sundrys sent ℘ Country Boat amounting to Pag^{s}: 155 : 1 : 4.

Received Generall Letter from M^{r}: Samuel Woolston at Maddapollam dated 25th: December 1699.

12 Deliver'd Pass to Ship Ann burthen 80 Ton William Stock Master bound on a Trading Voyage to Persia.

13 Said Ship saild bound for Persia.

MONDAY 15

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL.

Genl: Letters &ca: received, read.

Generall Letter from Messrs: Lovell &c^{a}: at Metchlep^{m}: dated the 2^{d}: Instant, with copy of a Paper to M^{r}: Lovell (as enter'd after this Consultation) from S^{r}: William Norris Barr^{t}: the new Comp^{s}: Embassador to the Mogull, read.

Salary payable in England Petition'd by ye: widow of Mr: ffield &ca: to be represented home.

M^{rs}: Lucie Poireir having by her Petition, requested that her Deceased husbands Viz^{t}: M^{r}: John ffield and George Crokes salary payable in England may be represented home to the R^{t}: Honble: Company.

The accot: to draw out ye: same &ca: Mr: Fields Credit in Indrapore books to be paid.

Order'd that the Accomptant draw out M^{r}: ffields Acco^{t}: and that wee write to Bengall to draw M^{r}: Crokes acco^{t}: he dying there.

Also that Pag^{s}: 101 : 6 : 2 be paid said Lucie Poireir, being for one hundred seventy two Dollars, the Ball: & amount of M^{r}: Fields outcry paid into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys cash at Indrapore on the W^{t}: Coast as appears in the Generall Books of that Place.

No will of Mr: Rt: Darley decd: being found, the Admty: Court to take care of his Effects.

M^{r}: Wright and M^{r}: Empson report, that they having (with M^{r}: John Styleman) perused M^{r}: Rich^{d}: Darley deceas'd his Papers, finds no will. Its Agreed by Majority that the Court of Admiralty take care of his Effects brought ℘ Ship Ann from Bencoolen.

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The warehousekeeper delivers in a report made by himself and Mr: Wright of the Flint ware &ca: brought ℘ Ship Ann from the West Coast. Also of the weight of two Chests Corrall received from the Rt: Honr: Company ℘ Ship Scepter as enter'd after this Consultation.

Warehouse-keeper &ca: deliver their report of Flint ware &ca:

Order'd that Pags: one thousand be paid Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Pags: 1000 to be paid ye: Paymr: to defray charges.

Mr: Richard Hunt Tobacco Manager, pays into the Rt: Honble: Company's Cash Two hundred Twenty two Pags: on accot: Tobacco sold.

Tobacco manager pays 222 pa: on yt: accot.

Serapa &ca: Joint Stock Merchants makeing complaint, that the Investment is impeded for want of money to Employ the Weavors.

Order'd that the remainder due on the Contract dated the 14th: April 1699 be paid them.

Joint Stock wanting money. the remainder due on their last contract to be paid them.

Order'd that the Broken Flint ware & damaged Looking Glasses sent from the West Coast ℘ Ship Ann be sold at Publick outcry.

The Broken Flint ware &ca: to be sold at outcry.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

By His Excellency Sr: Wm: Norris Barront:
his Mags: Embassadour Extraordinary to
the Great Mogull &ca:

This is to Require and Coḿand you, not to presume to make any Address or Applycation either in your own person or by any other, directly or indirectly to Any publick Minister or Officer of the great Mogull without my knowledge and permission, as you will answer the contrary at your perill. Given at Metchlepatam Decemr: 26th: 1699.

New Comps: Embassador paper to Thomas Lovell at Metchlepm:

WILLIAM NORRIS.

To Mr: Thomas Lovell Agent or Factor for
the Company of Merchants of London
trading to the East Indies at Metch-
lepm:

A Report of the Condition of three Chests Flint ware No: 1, 2, 3 and of one chest Looking Glasses No: 11 received from Work Fort ℘ Ship Ann Capt: Harnet Comander. Also of the weight of two chests Corrall received from London ℘ Ship Scepter Capt: Phenny Coḿander Accot: the Rt: Honble: Company, Vizt:

Warehouse-keeper &c: report of damaged flint ware &ca:

			lb.	oz.
3 Chests Flint ware Invoiced for Ps: 853 Poiz.			585 :	9
found to contain whole Ps: 561 Pz:	lb. 339:	3		
Broken ... ... „	„ 206:	13		
			546 :	—
Wanting ...			lb. 39:	9

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One Chest Looking Glasses No. 1 I qt: ℘ Invº: 4 boxes Nº: 4, 5, 6, 7.

No. 4 qt:	4 glasses each	20 Inches cost	£ 6: — all damaged.	
„ 5 qt:	4 ditto	25	„ 10 : 12 : spotted.	
„ 6 qt:	2	30	£ 16 : 1 :—spotted.	
	1	32		
	3			
No. 7 qt:	2 Glasses each	32 Inches.		
	1	33		
	3		£ 20 : — : 6 all broken.	
	14 Glasses		£ 52 : 13 : 6	

		lbs.
Chest Corrall Nº: 2 Poiz		452
Nº: 3 Poiz.		417¼ over 5 lbs.
Invoiced for . . .	„	423 wants : 5¼
Invoiced for	„	447

wanting in the 2 Chests half a pound.
℘ Order of Consultation.

ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

Finding Chest No. 1 to come short, the above two Chests were suspected, and the more, because the one was Tared at 207lbs. & weighed but one hundred sixty three, the other at 204 and weighed but one hundred sixty seven and an half.

Chest Nº. 1 was opened ℘ us the Subscribers & was found to	... Poiz.	458 lbs.
Invoiced for	... „	465
Wanting	...	7
Wanting in Chests Nº. 2 & 3	...	½
Wanting in 3 Chests ...	lbs.	7½ :

One Box Nº. 4 pollished Corrall ℘ Ship Scepter—

	Invoiced for Ounces ...	259
	Poized but	258
	Wanting. ... ... oz.	1
Nº. 5 Rough dº : Knobs & Ps :	Invoiced for	23[52] oz
	Poiz. but	23[40]
	Wanting oz.	[12]

ROGER BRADDYLL.
WILLIAM B[ULL.]

17 Yesterday the Governour and Councill mett to peruse the following Letters Vizt: to Mr: Thomas Lovell &ca: ffactors at Metchlepatam. To Sr: William Norris Barrt: Embassador to the great Mogull. The Presidents Letters to Meddo Cawn Beague Nabob of the Gingerlee Coast & to the Governour of Metchlepatam, which with Generall Letter to the Cheif &ca: Councill of Vizagapatam all dated the 16th: Instant, were Dispatched this day.

Genl: Letter to the new Comps: Embassador.

TO HIS EXCELLY: SR: WILLIAM NORRIS BARRT:
EMBASSADOR TO THE GREAT MOGULL ATT
METCHLEPATAM.

Sr:

Wee having been inform'd by Mr: Thomas Lovell our Companys ffactor at Metchlepatam, that upon the approaching of the new Nabob, who is come to govern that Country, you sent for him, and deliver'd him a Paper, requireing and commanding him in a most extraordinary manner, not to make any applycation

to any of the Mogulls officers (for the better carrying on our affairs) without your leave & Permission, threatning to do no less then send him home in Irons, from which wee imagine you resolve the utter ruin of our Company, hopeing thereby to promote the Intrest of your Employers, the new East India Company.

Wee having no orders or Instructions to govern ourselves in this matter but the Act of Parliament, which in peruseing wee find, that there is five ℔Cent laid on all Goods for the maintaining Embassadors & Consuls, from which our Company is excepted till September 1701: which Embassadors & Consuls are to be nominated and Elected by the Directors of the new Company and sent to such Emperor or Prince in these parts as they please, and they to pay the charge out of the five ℔ Cent, and the remainder to be divided amongst the adventure[r]s, and in a subsequent clause 'tis said, that nothing in this Act shall be constru'd to extend, to hinder or restrain our Comp[s]: trade till the 29[th]: September 1701, so that they being excused from contributing to the charge of Embassad[rs]:, Consuls &c[a]: certainly 'twas never intended that their affairs in these parts should be subject[d]: to the Direction or controul of the new Comp[s]: Embassad[rs]: Consuls or Agents dureing their limitted time, wee being possest as the rightfull and Lawfull Proprietors of all Phirmaunds and Grants necessary for supporting the Trade, which has been procur'd at vast expences, and without corresponding with the Government, 'tis impossible to support our priviledges or Trade.

S[r]: Wee think your proceedings not only Destructive to our Masters at Present, but will also prove fatal hereafter, if not intail a perpetual ruin on the trade. To prevent the Mischeifs that may attend us, and preserve the Intrest for which wee are concern'd, wee must acquaint you, that wee resolve to persist in corresponding with the Government as formerly, for the carrying on our Trade dureing the time limitted by Parliam[t]: and order all our Companys Cheifs and ffactors under this Presidency to do the same, untill his Majesty Comands the contrary, or that wee receive orders from our Company.

As for the Injuries you have already done [our] Company and others of the Kings Subjects, by embargoing their Ships (who traded here under their protection) wee doubt not but that they will repre[sent] it in such places where they may find a remedy and Justice. In confirmation whereof, wee have hereunto sett our hands and the Seal of our Company at Fort S[t]: George in the city of Madrass this 16th: day of January $1\frac{699}{700}$.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Thomas Marshall.
John Meverell.

Att a Consultation — Thursday 18

Present

Thomas Pitt President and Governour
Francis Ellis — Matthew Empson
Roger Braddyll — John Meverell

The Councill being duely sum̃ond.

A Cowle (as entred after this Consultation) for the Ganjee, granted to Mar Chittee and Mandala Paupa for one year, commenceing this day, read & signed. Cowle for one year granted for the Ganjee only.

M[r]: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper delivers in his warehouse Account for the months of November & December last. Warehouse Acco[ts]: for Nov[r]: & Dec[r]: deliver'd in.

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Warehouse-keeper not to sell for more then 17 Doll : P 10 Pag^{s} :

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper sell Silver not exceeding seventeen Dollars for Tenn Pagoda's.

Europeans discharged & Entertain'd.

Order'd that Jacob Figg a Trumpeter be Discharg'd he desireing it, and Charles Alleyn be entertain'd in the Gunroom.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ganjee Cowle for one year.

A Cowle Granted by Thomas Pitt Esqr : President and Governour of Fort S^{t} : George &c^{a} : Councill, to MarChittee & Mandala Paupa Ganjee ffarmers.

1ST. You the aforementioned ffarmers of the Ganjee shall have full power (exclusive of all others) to supply the Shopkeepers and retailers of the City of Madrass and Liberties thereof with Ganjee at such rates as is accustomary and as good as it used to be.

2. All such that are found to sell by retail without Licence first obtain'd from the said ffarmers, shall for every ffanams worth so bought or sold (excepting strangers, who shall be excused for the first offence only) forfeit one Pagoda to be paid in the Choultry, whereof one third part allowed the informer.

3. You the above named ffarmers are not to sell Ganjee at any time of the year dearer then the Justices of the Choultry shall think fitt and if you offend therein after the third fault, you shall be liable to such fine and punishment as the Govr : & Councill shall appoint.

4. All Merchants that bring Ganjee into this City or the liberties thereof paying their Custom, may freely sell to any person or purposes whatsoever to be transported to other parts or places, but not to be retailed in this City or the liberties thereof, except they sell it to the aforesaid ffarmers.

5. The said Mar Chittee &c^{a} : ffarmers shall have leave to keep watch on the warehouses where other Merchants Ganjee shall be Lodged, to see that none of it be disposed off but for Transportation to other parts only.

6. They may also require of the Seller a knowledge, whether it be sold and to whom, who is obliged to render an Acco^{t}: when required, to avoid all disputes or have his Goods stopped by the said ffarmers.

7. And the said Mar Chittee &c^{a} : are appointed the sole Brokers for buying and selling of Ganjee, hereby forbidding all others to intermeddle therewith.

8. Upon these terms, this Cowle is granted for one year, commenceing this Eighteenth day of January $1\frac{699}{700}$ You paying to the R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} : Twenty Seven Pagodas and Eighteen fanams every three months from the Date hereof.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

20 By a Country Boat sent Duplicates of our Genl : Letters to M^{r} : Lovell &c^{a} : ffactors, and to S^{r} : W^{m} : Norris Barron^{t} : Embassador to the great Mogull at Metchlepatam.

FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1699–1700

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 22

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS — ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT — MATT: EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL — JOHN MEVERELL.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: One thousand five hundred be paid Senr: Mattheus Carvalho de Silva, being for one Bill dated the 17th: Instant drawn by the Govern^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David.

Fort St: David bill for 1,500 Pags: order'd to be paid.

None offering to Buy at 17 Dollars for Tenn Pagodas, and being in necessity for ready Cash Ordered that the warehousekeeper sell not exceeding seventeen & one eighth, and Lead by Outcry not for less then Pag^{s}: Six & eighteen fanams ꝑ Candy, having a large quantity by us.

Dollars not exceeding 17⅛ for ten Pags: to be sold. To sell Lead not for less then 6½ Pas: ꝑCandy.

M^{rs}: Ann Delgarno presenting a Petition, requesting that what wages due to her husband may be paid, was read which with copy of a Narrative of his sufferings at the West Coast, is referr'd to further consideration.

Wages due to Capt: Delgardno requested. The examination refer'd to another oppertunity.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea-Customer read his Acco^{t}: Sea-Custom for the month December last, particulars Viz^{t}:

Sea Custom Accots: for m^{o}: Dec^{r}: read.

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month	Pag^{s}:	66 : 12 : —
To Custom on Grain	„	571 : 31 : 4
To Salvage	„	216 : 12 : 3
To Rents & Revenues for Sundrys Sold ꝑ Order, the Owners being unknown	„	12 : 34 : —
	Pags:	867 : 18 : 1

Ordered that Broad Cloth fine Invoiced 10^{s}: ꝑ yard be sold by Outcry not under 30 pag^{s}: ꝑ Peice, and the rest pro rato:

Limitted price to sell Broad Cloth fine &c^{a}:

Ordered that the Consultation Book and Book of Letters sent and Received do end the ultimo December 1699 and Copys thereof be sent home to the R^{t}: Honble: Company by Ship Benjamin.

Consultation &c^{a}: books to end the ulto: Dec^{r}: 1699.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

This morning Ship Fleetwood Richard Rose Master saild for Vizagapatam, 23
by whom sent Duplicates of our Generall Letters to the Cheif &c^{a}: Councill dated the 16th: instant, with the Presidents Letter to Nabob Meddo Cawn Beague, its translate and translate of the Letter to the Governour of Metchlepatam. Also Generall Letter of yesterdays date, incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading of Sundry particulars for Presents sent on ditto Ship amounting to Pag^{s}: 143 : 24 : 5.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 18th: Instant accompanying another Pacquet as ꝑ List from N°. 1 to 12 relating to the restoration

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of Padre Paulo de Saa in his Priestly function at the Churches of Cuddalore & Tevenapatam and removeall of Padre Gulielmo de la Valle from exerciseing there.

25 Ship Boanee Shankarah, Beriah Tandell Saild for Topatore.

THURSDAY d^o :

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL.

Fort S^t : David bill for 252 pa^s: order'd to be paid & Tryamong bill for 1000 Dollars.

Ordered that Pag^s : Two hundred fifty two be paid the President, being for one Bill dated the 17th: Instant drawn by the Govern^r : & Councill of Fort S^t : David. Also Pag^s : 588 : 8 : 3 be paid Dorothy Phrip, being for one Bill dated 2^d : Jan^{ry} : 169$\frac{8}{9}$ for one thousand Dollars drawn by the Cheif & Councill of Tryamong as ℘ their Letter of ditto Date.

Paymasters acco^{ts} : for Nov^r : & Dec^r : months read.

General Letter from Fort S^t : David dated the 18th : Instant, read.

M^r : Matthew Empson Paymaster read his Acco^t : Disbursements for the months of Novem^r : & December last, particulars Viz^t :

Nov^R :	Charges Garrison	Pa : 1,092 : [7]
	Charges Diet	„ 235 : 15
	Charges Generall	„ 415 : 11
	Charges Merchandize	„ 102 : 10
	Charges Cattle	„ 25 : 12
	Charges Extraordinary	„ 9 : 19
	Fort S^t : David	„ — : 30
	Fortifications & Repairs	„ 29 : 13
	Pags :	1,910 : 9
Dec^{BR} :	Charges Garrison	Pa : 1,117 : 6
	Charges Diet	„ 371 : 12
	Fort S^t : David	„ — : 30
	Charges Generall	„ 375 : 5
	Charges Cattle	„ 16 : 15
	Charges Merchandize	„ 100 : —
	Charges Extraordinary	„ 55 : 35
	Acco^t : Presents	„ 2 : 35
	Factors Provisions	„ 5 : 32
	Fortifications & Repairs	„ 43 : 2
	Pag^s :	2,088 : 28

Warehouse-keeper pays 5,000 pag^s : on acco^t : silver sold.

M^r : Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the R^t : Honble : Companys Cash Pag^s : Five thousand on Acco^t : Silver sold.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

25 A Ship with French Colours past this road from Bengall, bound to Policherry.

27 Sloop S^t : Antonio Peter Eyes Master arrived from Vizagapatam.

Deliver'd a Pass to Parr Bone Success, Francisco Coelho Master & Owner bound to Policat &c^a : places on the coast of Choromandell.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1699–1700*—— [27TH]

Sloop St: Antonio Peter Eyes Master Saild in the night for Fort St: David.

Dispatched Generall Letter to Fort St: David of yesterdays Date. 28

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 29

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: H: Comps: cash Five thousand Seven hundred Pags: on accot: Silver sold.

Warehouse-keeper pays 5,700 pags: on Accot: Silver sold.

Ordered that one thousand Pags: be paid Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster to Defray charges Garrison, and one hundered Pags: to Paulo &ca: Washers for cureing the Rt: Honble: Companys cloth.

Pags: 1000 order'd the Paymaster to defray charges.

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer read his Accot: Land Customs for the month December last, particulars Vizt:

Land Custom accots: for mo: Decr: read &

Choultry Custom ...	Pags:	345: 26: 40
Trivlecane Custom ...	„	—: 3: 40
Rubie Brokers ...	„	47: 8: [50]
Cloth Brokers ...	„	3: 8: 25
Registring Slave ...	„	—: 8: —
	Pags:	396: 18: 75

and pays into the Rt: Honr: Companys Cash Pags: Three hundred ninety seven on that accot:

Pags: 397 paid inon that accot:

Peter de Pomera &ca: Arrac ffarmers pay into the Rt: Honr: Comps: Cash Pags: Two hundred & fifty on that Accot: for one month ending the 14th: Instant.

Arrac farmers pay in 250 pags: on that accot.

John Matthews Souldier being permitted to come on Ship Ann from the West Coast for the better cure of his Legg, no Doctor being then on the Place. Order'd that what wages due dureing his passage hither, be paid him by ye: Paymaster.

Soldier from the Wt: Coast to be allow'd wages dureing his passage thence.

Resolved, a Tryall be made of the Corrall by Outcry that wee may see the utmost what is offer'd, and then to consider the Disposeall.

Tryall for the Sale of Corrall by Outcry.

THO: PITT.	M: EMPSON.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	THOMS: MARSHALL.
RO: BRADDYLL.	JOHN MEVERELL.
THO: WRIGHT.	

Ship Narsingum Gruia Tandell arrived from Ganjam. 30TH

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 29th: past. February ₽mo

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY ₽mo.

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

Mr: Roger Braddyll Warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honr: Companys Cash Pags: Eleven hundred on Accot: silver sold.

Warehouse-keeper pays in 1,100 pags: on Accott: Silver sold.

[1ST] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699–1700*——

The Presidents acco^{t} : of Comp^{s} : Cash & Secr^{ys} : Acco^{t} : Passes for m^{o} : Jan^{ry}: read.

The President read his Acco^{t} : of the R^{t} : H : Comp^{s} : cash for the month January last, the Ballance being Pag^{s} : 25 : 1 : 3 and Charles Bugden Secretary his Acco^{t} : Passes for ditto month amo^{t} : Pag^{s} : Seven, and pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : 4 : 24.

Pag^{s} . 880 p^{d} : in acco^{t} : Sea Custom's. Not to Stay for Genl : books of subordinate ffactorys but to finish y^{e} : books of this place. Town Conicopley's Duty order'd to be paid.

M^{r} : Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : Eight hundred & Eighty on that account.

Having thus long staid in expectation of the Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam Generall books, which being not yet come, Resolved that ours be forthwith clos'd, and copys thereof remitted the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : by Ship Benjamin.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : Twenty five be paid Wotta Ling[a] Town Conicopley for three m^{o} : ending the Ult^{o} : Jan^{ry} : last.

THO : PITT.	M : EMPSON.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	THOM^{S} : MARSHALL.
RO : BRADDYLL.	JOHN MEVERELL.
THO : WRIGHT.	

3 Last night Ship Benjamin John Brown Comand^{r} : arrived from Metchlepatam [on] whom M^{r} : Thomas Lovell took his passage and brought a Generall Lre from himself &c^{a} : ffactors at Metchlepatam, and the Captain comeing on shore this morning brought the Pacquets from Bengall and Vizagapatam containing Papers as ℘ their Lists inclosed.

SATURDAY d^{o} :

ATT A CONSULTATION *Extraordinary*

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

Genl : Letters receiv-ed, read.

Generall Letters from Anthony Testard on board Ship Benjamin in Pipley road dated 19th : December last, from Metchlepatam dated 30th : January last, from Vizagapatam dated 8th : January last, from Bengall dated 12th : December last, all read.

Paymaster pays in Pag^{s} : 472 : 8 : 4 for w^{ch} : bills to be given him on y^{e} : Company.

M^{r} : Matthew Empson Paymaster pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys Cash Pag^{s} : 472 : 8: 4 being further part of the Estate of M^{r} : Batson Pearson Deceased. Order'd that Bills be given him by us on the Company payable to his relations in England.

Nathl : Higginson pays y^{e} : Ballance of his Mint Accots.

Nathaniel Higginson Esqr : pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys Cash nineteen fanams and Five Cash, as the Ballance of his Mint account.

Ship Benjamin from Bengall to be unladen, and bale Goods to be continued on board.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper immediately send off Boats to unlade all the Packing Stuff, Match and Rice on Ship Benjamin from Bengall, and to continue the 1,100 bags Salt-petre being her Charterparty Kintelage : also the Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam bales, except three of Stript Betteelas brown from Vizagapatam to be wash'd and that the following Bales be sent for on shore to be View'd Viz^{t} :

	Vizagapatam.	
LCO	No. 4 : 5 : 6	Bales 3
SALO	„ 3 : 4 : 5	„ 3
SCO	„ 1 : 2 : 3	„ 3
SB	„ 1 : 2 : 3	„ 3
		Bales ... 12

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699-1700*——— [3RD]

Metchlepatam.

LFC.	Longcloth fine	No. 1 : 2 : 3	Bales 3
GS.	Gingham Sheets	„ 1 ...	„ 1
BP.	Book Percolla's	„ 1 ..	„ 1
CH.	Chints Ordinary	„ 1 ...	„ 1
SALF.	Salampores fine	„ 1 ...	„ 1
IZ.	Izaries	„ 4 ...	„ 1
OB.	Oringall Betteela's	„ 1 ...	„ 1
GB.	Gulcondah Betteela's	„ 8 : 8 +	„ 2
R.	Romalls Saturgunties	„ 21 ...	„ 1
CFH.	Chints fine	„ 45 ...	„ 1
SFP.	Salpieada's flower'd	„ 15 ...	„ 1
A.	Alajars	„ 1 ...	„ 1
CP.	Collowaypoo's	„ 1 ...	„ 1
SD.	Sadderuncheres	„ 1 ..	„ 1
CB.	Chints Brampore	„ 1 ...	„ 1
DBP.	Diapers large	„ 4 ...	„ 1
DSP.	Ditto Small	„ 2 ...	„ 1
SPP.	Salpieadas plain	„ 15 ...	„ 1
		Bales ...	1

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received [Du]plicate of Fort St: David General Letter dated the 2d: and 3d: instant, incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for two hundred bales Ship on Sloop St: Antonio, Peter Eyes master amount to Pags: 23,184: 29. 6TH

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Metchlepatam of this Date with Invoice of Sundrys for Presents sent on a Boat amount to Pags: 151: 35: 5. 7

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY Do:

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS — ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT — MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL — JOHN MEVERELL

The Cash being very low, and having severall Bills lately drawn on us and Bonds at Interest for considerable Sums, and Mrs: Dorothy Phrip having indors'd to Mr: Thomas Wright the Tryamong Bill for Pags: 588: 8: 3 (his receipt being taken) Order'd that a Bond be given him for the same. *Money taken up at Intrest & why.*

Generall Letters from Fort St. David dated the 29th: January 2d: & 3d: ffebruary last, read. *Letters received, read.*

Thomas Davis Soldier having Serv'd his covenanted time and requesting leave to go for England on Ship Benjamin It is accordingly granted him. *Soldier hath liberty to go for England at his request*

Ordered that Pags: one hundred & fifty be paid Thomas Harris being for one Bill drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David dated the 29th: January last. *Fort St: David bill for 150 pags: order'd to be paid.*

Order'd that Robert Saltmash be Discharg'd from the Gunroom at his request, and that John Richardson be Entertain'd. *Europeans Discharg'd and entertain'd the gunroom.*

[7TH]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699-1700*——

Freight recd: by Capt: Brown disallow'd.

The Agent &ca: Councill having remitted us a List of Goods and Treasure sent hence to Bengall ℘ Ship Benjamin, whereof Capt: Brown claim's as his right to receive, which being refer'd to us It is Agreed he be not allow'd it, but that hee reimburse the same, being Sixty two Rupees.

Board table at Fort St: David disaprov'd & a Genl: table order'd to be kept.

Having had credible information that it gives a generall Dislike to the Companys Servant [s] being put to Board Table at Fort St: David, To prevent the inconveniencies that may attend it, It is resolved wee write them, that a Generall Table be continued there, the Deputy Govr: and Councill appointing a Discreate and frugall Steward.

Two Portuguez Soldiers from Wt: Coast to be allow'd pay dureing their passage hither.

Two Portuguez Soldiers come by Ship Ann from the West-Coast, having requested pay dureing their Passage, Order'd that the Paymaster satisfies them.

Pags: 36: 9 for Goods on ffreight from Wt: Coast ℘ Ship Ann order'd to be paid.

Capt: Harnett delivering us an accot: of Goods sent on ffreight from the West-Coast ℘ Ship Ann amounting to Pags: 36: 9, Order'd that the same be paid by the Warehousekeeper.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO. BRADDYLL
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

9TH

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 5th: Instant with their Pacquet to the Rt: Honble: Company to be sent ℘ Ship Benjamin under a flying Seal, and copy of their Ledger letter I.

FRIDAY Do:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

Mrc: Wm: Soame his Expences on the Comps: Paggar delivd: in & given the Accompts: for examination.

Nathaniel Higginson Esqr: delivers in an accot: of Mr: William Soame his Expences Pagering & building on the Companys compound in Acheen dureing his residence there, whereby appears due to the Rt: Honr: Company on Ballance Tale 6m: 7 of the one hundred Tale deliver'd him by Mr: Enoch Walsh &ca: for that purpose. Said accot: is order'd to be deliver'd the Accomptant to Examine and hee to make his report thereof.

Fort St: David bill for 3654 pags: order'd to be paid.

Ordered that Three thousand six hundred fifty four Pags: be paid Thomas Pitt President, being for one Bill drawn by the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David dated the 5th: Instant.

Nathl: Higginson Esqr: requests leave to go for England wch: is granted.

Nathaniel Higginson Esqr: delivers in a Paper (as entered next after this Consultation) requesting our Order to the Commander of Ship Benjamin, to receive him and ffamily with necessarys on board for England, and to afford him such Privilege in accommodation and Tonnage as the Rt: Honble: Company allow to their returning Servants.

It is Resolved that an Order be given the Comr: for receiveing him and ffamily aboard with his necessarys, and to allow him the accomodation of the great

Cabbin : and the Warehousekeeper do give orders for receiveing such Goods of his aboard as the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{a} : have Directed to their returning Presidents.

Ordered that the Paymaster do muster Ship Benjamins Company. Ship Benjamins Compa: to be muster'd.

M^{r} : Thomas Wright Sea Customer delivers in a Paper (as entred after this Consultation) giveing his reasons why the Customs for the year 1699 falls so much short of the preceeding year. Paper deliver'd why ye: Sea customs is lessen'd for the year 1699.

Frances Monke &c^{a} : late Arrac farmers pay into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys cash Three hundred Pagodas on that account : and Vincatee Kisna &c^{a} : late Tobacco farmers Seven hundred & fifty Pagod^{s} : on that account and M^{r} : Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper Two hundred & fifty Pagodas on Acco^{t} : Goods sold. The late Arrac farmers pays in 300 p^{a} : on that acco^{t} : late Tobacco farmers 750 p^{as} : on that accot : & Warehouse-keeper pays 250 pag^{s} : on accot : Goods sold.

Ordered that One thousand Pagodas be paid M^{r} : Matthew Empson Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison. Pags : 1000 order'd ye : Paymr : to defray charges.

Captain John Brown Comãnder of Ship Benjamin requesting liberty to bring ashore some brown cloth to whiten only, and that at Exportation he may be excused paying custom. Capt : Brown requests to be excus'd payg : custom on brown cloth Imported but disallow'd.

The R^{t} : Honble : Companys orders being so possitive that all Goods Imported & Exported pay them their due Custom of five ℔ Cent. It is resolved by Majority, that he cannot be excused from paying the same.

Generall Letter from Fort S^{t} : David dated the 5th : Instant, read.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper do use all expedition in the Ladeing of Ship Benjamin, sending off the Charterparty proportion of Redwood and the fine bale goods. All expedition to be us'd for the Lading Ship Benjamin.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R} :
PRESID^{T} : & GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL.

I request your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : will please to grant me an order to the Comãnder of Ship Benjamin for receiveing mee & my family (with necessary's) as Passengers for England, and for affording mee such Privilege in accommodation and Tonnage as the R^{t} : Honble : Company have been pleased of their accustomed Goodness to allow to their returning Servants. Nathl : Higginson Esqr : his request to go for England.

Your Hon^{r} : &c^{as} : Most hum^{ble} : Servt :
NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.

Fort S^{t} : George 8th Feb^{ry} : 1699-1700

9TH]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699-1700*——

TO THE HON^{BLE}: THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT &
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &C^{A}:

Honble: S^{r}:

Reasons why the customs for the year 1699 are lessen'd

According to your Hon^{rs}: order have perused the Sea-Custom Acco^{ts}: for the years 1698 and 1699 by which find the reason why the Sea-Custom Acco^{ts}: for 1699 comeing so much shorter then the preceeding year, arises cheifly in the Armenians & Moors Trade from Bengall, and for want of our Annuall China & Manilha Ships, which by some misfortune was detained the last year in Manilha & China, and but two of them as yet arrived, and it is my opinion, that this year will not amount to so much as last first, because of the many great Traders that have and are adrawing in their stoc[ks] in order for England, which undoubtedly will much lessen the number of Ships belonging to this Port, Secondly for fear of the Pirats which are grown very numerous in these parts, and Thirdly, for want of a Moors Army in this Country, which for many years past, has taken off vast Quantitys of all sorts of fforeigne Comoditys. I am

Honble: S^{r}:

Yo^{r}: Most Hum^{ble}: Servant

THO: WRIGHT.

Fort S^{t}: George 7th Feb^{ry}: 1699-1700

10TH

Received Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated 7th: Instant.

The following order was sign'd by the Governour and Councill.

SATURDAY d^{o}: Bales 200 from Fort St: David to be unladen.

Sloop S^{t}: Antonio Peter Eyes Master being arriv^{d}: this afternoon from Fort S^{t}: David with Two hundred Bales Calicoes of the R^{t}: Honble: Companys, It is resolved (being now late) that M^{r}: James Eustace go off on Monday morning early and Traverse the said bales on Ship Benjamin, takeing great care to compare the Boatswains receipts with the marks & numbers in said Sloops Bill Lading, which is to be deliver'd him for his Government and that he send ashore the following bales as they come to hand for our viewing. Vizt.

		Bale.
SALO.	Salampores—	
	No. 4	1
	3	1
		2
BET.	Betteelas fine—	
	No. 25	1
	28	1
		2
BETP.	Shady Betteela's—	
	No. 1	1
	2	1
		2
NECF.	Neck cloths fine—	
	No. 38 + ...	1
	38 O	1
		2
SVC.	Succatoms—	
	No. 1	1
	2	1
		2

 [10TH]

LCOB.	Long Cloth Brown—	Bale.
	N°: D	1
	Bales ...	11

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROG: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THO: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship S^{t}: Antonio Juerda Mendez Poilot saild for Fort S^{t}: David. 11

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 12

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{r}: Company to be sent by Ship Benjamin of this date to Par: 34 read & approved. (Letter to the Company, part read.)

Ordered that Pag^{s}: Two thousand seven hundred be paid Senr: Mattheus Carvalho de Silva being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Govern^{r}: & Council of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 2^{d} Instant. (Fort S^{t}: David bill for 2700 Order'd to be paid.)

Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 7th: Instant, read. (Letter received, read.)

The Governour and Councill having been at the Godown to view the Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam Goods brought upon y^{e}: Benjamin, and finding the Betteela's from Vizagapatam very course and extravagantly dear, and the Goods in generall the same for Metchlepatam, in so much, that wee [have] just reason to be jealous that the Company at neither places are fairly dealt with. (Vizagapatam & Metchlepatam Goods view'd by Govr: & Councill, and found to be bad.)

Wherefore 'tis resolved that the warehousekeeper takes three peices of each out of the Vizagapatam bales of Betteela's, and that hee with M^{r}: Lovell present, takes three peices of each bale of the Metchlepatam Goods, each of them affixing their seals to the peices in order that so soon as the Benjamin is Dispatch'd, a strict scrutiny be made into those Investments, that the Comp^{a}: may have im̃ediate reperation if found to be injur'd. (Three p^{s}: to be taken & kept in order to a strict Scrutiny.)

M^{r}: Thomas Lovell being upon the Place, was sent for before us, and Examined to severall particulars relating to the Investments he had made at Metchlepatam, to which he gave intricate and Disatisfactory answers, and it being demanded of him his accounts, he answer'd, he had left them at Metchlepatam to be finished and had brought none with him, not so much as a Day Book. (M^{r}: Tho: Lovell examin'd about the Metchlepatam Goods.)

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699–1700* ——

THURSDAY 15TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Ship Benjamins Company 88.

Mr: Matthew Empson reports the Muster of Ship Benjamins men to be Eighty eight.

Warehousekeeper pays 3000 pags: on Accot: Silver sold.

Mr: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Hon: Companys Cash Three thousand Pagoda's on Accot: Silver sold.

Fort St: David Goods upon View being found bad, three ps: of each sort to be kept for examination.

Upon viewing the Eleven bales of Fort St: David Goods sent on shore from Sloop St: Antonio and finding them not to answer expectation, The warehousekeeper and Mr: Mead (being present) are ordered both to affix their Seals on three peices indifferently to be taken out by them of each bale for our Examination into their Investments.

Bengall Canvas 160 ps: to be Laden on Ship Benjamin for England.

There remaining in the Godown 342 ps: Bengall Canvas which have lain some considerable time and being too great a quantity for Sale here, It is resolved that 160 peices be sent home ℘ Ship Benjamin, and the like number on Ship Et: India Merchant when she arrives from Bengall.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

FRIDAY 16TH

ATT A CONSULTATION *Extraordinary*

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Former Order for paying 2 ℘ Cent on Diamonds &ca: Jewells recall'd & why.

The Order of Consultation dated 9th: October 1699 for paying two ℘ Cent here by such persons as shall Lade Diamonds, Pearls, &ca: Jewells standing still in force, wee beleive to be the reason none hath been brought in and Registred as formerly, which occasions an apparent Loss to the Company, wherefore 'tis unanimously resolved, that the aforesaid Order be recall'd, and notice given to all persons, that they may bring in their Diamonds, and Register 'em upon the same Term's as formerly.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699–1700——

Ship Kisna Pressader, Crumados Narrain Tandell arrived from Jackernott. 17TH

This morning the wind blew very hard at East and gradually freshning, brought ashore Eight Boats at an anchor in this road, some having a considerable quantity of Paddy &c^{a}: Grain, which was all lost, but the wind abated towards the Evening.

Yesterday Ship Humphry & Charles Will : ffolks Master arrived from Vizagapatam, by whom received Generall Letter from the Cheif &c^{a} : Councill dated 30th: January last. 20

Ship Simon John Phowden Master sailed for Vizagapatam.

Sloop S^{t} : Antonio Peter Eyes Master sailed for Vizagapatam. 21

Brigantine S^{t} : David Edward Fort Master arrived from Malacca and Fort S^{t} : David.

This night via Policherry received a Generall Letter from the Agent &c^{a} : Councill of Bengall dated 29th : January last sent by a French Ship, adviseing the Loss of Ship East India Merchant on the Eastward Sand going from the new Deeps, but the Pacquet mention'd to be saved is not yet received from Policherry.

About six a clock this morning Ship Benjamin fired a Gun signifying her being full. 22

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 22D

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS
THOMAS WRIGHT — MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL — JOHN MEVERELL

The President read his Mint Acco^{t} : for the month January last Viz^{t} : — Mint Acco^{t} : for Jan^{y} : read.

To Custom of Gold coin'd in y^{e} : Mint Pag^{s} : 77 : 9 : 20.
To Custom of Silver coin'd ... Rup^{s} : 506 : 11 : —

and pays the Ballance Viz^{t} : Pag^{s} : 318 : 4 : 4 into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys cash, and Rup^{s} : 3371 : 13 : 0 to the Warehousekeeper.

Further part of the Generall Letter to the R^{t} : Honble : Company dated the 12th : Instant, from Paragraph 34, to 48 read and approved. — Further part of a Letter to the Company read.

M^{r} : John Meverell Land Customer read his Acco^{t} : Land Custom for the month January last, particulars Viz^{t} : — Land Custom Acco^{t} : for m^{o} : Jan^{ry} : read &

Choultry Custom	Pag^{s} :	339 : 19 : 50
Trivlecane Custom	„	0 : 3 : 10
Rubie Brokers	„	22 : 16 : 70
Cloth Brokers	„	2 : 10 : 38
Town Rents	„	71 : 6 : 69
Registring Slaves	„	0 : 32 : 0
	Pag^{s} :	436 : 16 : 77

and pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Companys Cash Four hundred thirty four Pag^{s} : on that Acco^{t} : — Pag^{s} : 434 paid on that Acco^{t} :

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated 30th : January last, and from Bengall dated the 29th : ditto, read. — Letters received, read

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMAS MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699–1700*—

23 Received Generall Letter from Messrs: Woolston and Noden at Metchlepatam dated the 7th: Instant, with copy of a Paper sent by S^{r}: W^{m}: Norris Barr^{t}: Ambassador to the great Mogull to said M^{r}: Woolston, forbidding his makeing any address or applycation to any Minister of the Mogulls, without his knowledge and permission.

FRIDAY 23RD

ATT A CONSULTATION *Extraord^{y}*:

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Letters received, read. Latter part of a Letter to the Company, read.

Generall Letter from Messrs: Woolston and Noden at Metchlepatam dated the 7th: Instant, Also the latter part of the Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Honble: Company to be sent ℘ Ship Benjamin dated the 12 & 22^{d}: Instant, read and approved.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

SATURDAY 24

ATT A CONSULTATION *Extraord^{y}*:

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

The Accomptants Answer to the Auditor Generalls Letter read & approv'd.

M^{r}: Francis Ellis Accomptant produces his answer dated this Day to the Auditor Generalls Letter, which being read and approv'd by us, hee is order'd to sign it.

The following Letters &c^{a}: were sign'd Viz^{t}:
To the R^{t}: Honble: Company dated the 12th: & 22^{d}: Ins^{t}:
Abstract of Ditto Letter.
To the Company, a Duplicate, Dat: ℘^{mo}: & 13th: Oct^{r}: last all to be sent ℘ Ship Benjamin.
And Capt: John Brown Com^{r}: of Ship Benjamin his Dispatch for England.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

25TH Early this morning deliver'd Capt: John Brown his Dispatch, and about ten a clock Ship Benjamin saild for England.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699–1700*——

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 29TH

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Order'd that Pag^s: 4642 : 31 : 3 be paid Capt: William Brooke, being both Principal & Interest due on a Bond dated the 20th: October last.

Interest Bond discharg'd.

The President pays into the R^t: Hon^r: Companys cash Pag^s: Five hundred & twenty, being for the permission of Passage of the following persons on Ship Benjamin for England Viz^t:

Pag^s : 520 paid in for permission of Passengers in y^e : Benjamin.

Nathl : Higginson Esqr :	Pa :	26	Bro^t : over	Pag^s :	208
Elizabeth Higginson ...	„	26	Abraham Plymer ...	„	26
Elizabeth Higginson ...	„	26	Charles Metcalf ...	„	26
Richards Higginson ...	„	26	Mary Metcalf ...	„	26
Nathl : Higginson Junr :	„	26	Carolina Metcalf ...	„	26
Sarah Higginson ...	„	26	William Metcalf ...	„	26
Mary Large	„	26	William Proby ...	„	26
Alvaro Dafonseca ...	„	26	Aron Cohen	„	26
			Five Slaves	„	130
	Pag^s :	208			
				Pag^s :	520

M^r: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^t: Hon^r: Companys Cash Pag^s: Six hundred on Acco^t: Sea-Customs, and M^r: John Meverell Land Customer Pag^s: 30: 14: 56 being for ten months Town Conicoplies Duty at the Choultrey ending January last.

On acco^t : Sea customs paid in Pag^s : 600 & Pag^s : 30 : 14 : 56 for ten m^{os} : Town Conicopleys duty.

Ordered that Pag^s: One thousand be paid M^r: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Pag^s : 1000 order'd the Paymaster to defray charges.

M^r: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the R^t: Hon^r: Companys cash Pag^s: 16142 : 31 : 40 on Acco^t: Goods and Silver sold, and read his warehouse Acco^t: for the month January last.

Warehouse-keeper pays Pa : 16142 : 31 : 40 on acco^t : Goods sold and read his Jan^y : m^{os} : Acco^t :

Generall Letters to Bombay dated the 26th: to Surat and Anjengo dated the 27th: Instant, all read and sign'd.

Letters sent, read.

Ordered that Pag^s: 5157: 18: 0 be paid Mahomet Labe and Nenam Mestre, being both the Principal and Interest due on a Bond dated the 23^d: October last.

Interest bond Discharg'd.

M^r: Francis Bett Prov^l: Storekeeper read his Storekeepers accounts for the months of December and January last, and pays into the R^t: Hon^r: Comp^s: Cash Two hundred Pag^s: on acco^t: Stores sold.

Storekeepers Accots : for m^{os} : Dec^r : & Jan^y : read and pays 200 p^{as} : for stores sold.

Ordered that Pag^s: one hundred & forty be paid M^r: Francis Bett &c^a: Owners of Sloop S^t: Anthony, being in full for the freight of Two hundred bales at Fort S^t: David the Master having received Ten Pag^s: there of the Deputy Govr: and Councill.

Freight for Fort S^t : David bales order'd to be paid.

There being about Thirty Garse Wheat in the Godown received last year from Bengall, and beginning to be worm eaten, Ordered that the Warehouse-keeper sell Twenty Garse by Outcry.

Wheat 20 Garse to be sold & why.

[29TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1699–1700*——

Ensign Gardners Comission to be taken away & why.

An Ensigns Comission to be drawn for Wm: Read.

Ensign John Gardner whose Comission was formerly taken away, upon complaints made of his intemperance by Drink and other misdemeanours; and promiseing to reclaim, was on the 21st: July last restor'd again, since which time his behaviour giving us no better hopes of amendment, It is resolved (for Example sake) he be Degraded, by cancelling his Comission at the head of ye: Company and that an Ensign's Comission be drawn out for Serjt: William Read, esteeming him the fittest person.

THO: PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

MARCH ℘mo:

Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamar the following Generall Letters Vizt: To Anjengo dated the 27th: past.

To Surat of ditto Date, and to Bombay dated the 26th: past, incloseing Duplicate of our Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company ℘ Ship Benjamin dated the 12th: & 22d: past, and a short Letter to them of this Date.

Ship Chinna Caddu John Twyman Master arrived from Fort St: David, by, whom received Generall Letter from the Deputy Govr: &ca: Councill dated the 26th: past incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for 170 bales amounting to Pags: 11055: 25: 5.

FRIDAY ℘mo:

The following order was sign'd by the Presidt: & Councill.

170 bales from Fort St: David to be unladen.

Ship Chinna Caddu being just now arrived from Fort St: David with one hundred & seventy bales Calicoes belonging to the Rt: Honr: Company. Order'd that the Warehousekeeper send off Boats early tomorrow morning to unlade the said bales.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY 4

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATT: EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Letter received, read. The State of the northen factorys laid before ye: Councill and what methods to be taken.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 26th: February last, read.

The Governour laying before the Councill the State of the Companys Affairs at Metchlepm: and Vizagapatam, and pressing the urgent necessity of sending one of the Councill, to Inspect into the late Investments made by Mr: Lovell &ca: at the former place; and to secure the great Remains at Vizagapatam, as also to [make] an Investment at Metchlepatam for the September Ship,

Mr: Braddyll esteem'd fittest to Visit the No'ern: factorys.

All esteeming Mr: Roger Braddyll in a [ll] respects the properest person, desires he may be equip'd with all expedition to undertake the same.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1699–1700—— [4TH]

Ordered that the following Stores be provided by the storekeeper and Laden on board Ship Chinne Caddu for Fort S^t: David Viz^t: Stores to be provided and sent to Fort S^t: David.

Gunn Carriages		6
Axel trees		24
Rope	Coil's	2
Plank large	P^s:	10
Jaggary	Candys	20

THO: PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

It's said M^r: [H]olcombe hath Effects in this Town to answer all the Companys demands, therefore I am of opinion that satisfaction ought to be Demanded of him, the which if he renders not, then a resolution ought to be taken to reduce him to complyance. 4TH

The Metchlepatam business is not to be Inspected but by one that can stay there to make an Investment, which is not required of me, nor do I esteem it consonant with the Companys orders, therefore humbly crave leave to be excused. M^r: Bradylls paper desireing to be excus'd proceeding to the northern factorys.

RO: BRADDYLL.

Ship Chinne Caddu John Twyman Master Sail'd for Fort S^t: David by whom sent General Letter to the Deputy Govr: &c^a: Council of yesterdays Date incloseing Invoice & Bill Lading for Sundrys amount 10 Pag^s. 6

Ship Dolphin George Weoley arrived from Syrian in Pegu, by whom received Generall Letter from M^r: Thomas Bowyear Resident there dated the 2^d: February last. 8

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 8

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

The President read his Acco^t: of the R^t: H: Comp^s: Cash for the month February last, the Ballance being Pag^s: 8611: 13: 0: Comp^s: Cash for mo: ffeb^y: read.

M^r: Thomas Wright Sea-Customer read his Acco^t: Sea-Customs for the month January last, particulars Viz^t: Sea Customer read his acco^t: for m^o: January

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month	Pag^s:	449: 5: 5
To Custom on Grain	"	418: 7: 0
To Anchorage & Tonnage	"	86: 8: 0
	Pag^s:	953: 20: 5

Generall Letter to Vizagapatam dated the 6th: Instant, read. Generall Letter sent, read.

Peter de Pomera &c^a: Arrac farmers pays into the R^t: Honble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s. Two hundred and fifty on that account for one month ending the 14th: ffebruary last.

[8TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1699–1700*——

Generall Letter from Mr: Thomas Bowyear at Pegu dated the 2d: February last, read.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

9TH By a countrey Boat Dispatch'd Generall Letter to the Cheif &ca: Councill at Vizagapatam dated the 6th: Instant.

10 Ship Sta: Mareia Coja Saffer Noqueda arrived from Pegu.

Ship Mahomadee [*Lacuna in the original*] arrived from Porto Novo.

Ship Surat Salamat, Sommoo Siddee Noquedah arrived from Vizagapatam.

11 Ship Messahia Thomas Plumb Master arrived from Pegu, on whom came Mr: Thomas Bowyear, Also arrived Parr Recovery Lockyer Watts Master from Pegu.

12 Ship Jerusalem Coja Abraham Noquedah arrived from Pegu.

Sloop Christean Quintus, Andrew Sombar Master arrived from Tringombar.

13 Ship Maddapollam Coja Issa Cooley Noqueda arrived from Pegu.

Ship Sedgwick John Mabb Master arrived yesterday from Acheen.

Ship Bone Voyage [*Lacuna in the original*] arrived from Pegu.

Received ℘ ffrench Cossed, Generall Letter from the President &ca: Councill at Surat dated the 25th: December last, with copy of a clause of a Letter to Surat from the Generall &ca: at Bombay dated the 16th: December.

14 Sloop Allee Madut Mahomadoo Issee Noquedah arrived from Acheen.

THURSDAY 14TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

The Councill being duly Summond.

Letter from Surat, read.

Generall Letter from the President &ca: Councill at Suratd ated 25th: December last, read.

Warehouse-keeper pays 10,800 pags: on Accot: Silver sold.

Mr: Roger Braddyll Warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash, Ten thousand Eight hundred Pagoda's on Accot: Silver sold.

Pags 1,000 Order'd ye: Paymr: to defray Charges & Pags: 500 the washers to cure the Comps: Cloth.

Ordered that Pags: One thousand be paid Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison and Pags: Five hundred to Paulo &ca: washers to cure the Rt: Honble: Companys cloth.

THO: PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

15 Ship Mahomadee, Mahomadoo Hussen Noquedah arrived from Quedda and brought fourteen Elephants.

17 Received Generall Letter from Mr: Saml: Woolston at Maddapollam dated 28th: February last.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1699–1700*———

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 14th: Instant, with copy of their Journall Letter to remain here and Accot: Cash from June last to the ℘mo: Instant. 18

Sloop Christean Quintus, Andrew Sombar saild this night for Tringombar. 20

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 21

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS WRIGHT JOHN MEVERELL.
THOMAS MARSHALL
The Councill being duly Sumon'd.

Generall Letters from Mr: Samuel Woolston at Maddapollam dated the 28th: February last & from Fort St: David dated the 14th: Instant, both read.

Letters received, read.

Order'd that Forty Seven Pags: be paid Mr: Daniel Chardin, being for one Bill drawn by the Deputy Govr: &ca: Councill of Fort St: David dated ye: 14th Instant.

Fort St: David bill order'd to be pd:

Order'd that Martheus Marthenis Portuguez be entertain'd a souldier in this Garrison, & John Dennis in the Gunroom, and Davis Johnson Dischargd: therefrom.

Portuguez entertain'd a Soldier & Mr: Dennis in ye: Gunroom & anther dis-charg'd.

Order'd that Pags: One thousand be paid Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Pags: 1,000 Order'd ye: Paymr: to defray charges.

Mr: Richard Hunt Tobacco Mannager, read his Accot: of Tobacco sold for the months of January and February last, Vizt:

For the month of January	Pags:	567:	28:	0
For the month of February	„	619:	4:	40
	Pags:	1186:	32:	40

Tobacco Mañagers Accots: for Jany: & ffeby: read &

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys cash One thousand Pags: on that account.

Pags: 1,000 paid in on yt: Accot:

The President read his Mint Account for the month of February last, Vizt:

To Custom of Gold coin'd, in the Mint ...	Pags:	167:	30:	0
To Custom of Silver coin'd	Rups:	347:	6:	0

Mint Accot: for mo: ffeby: read.

There being very great want of Brimstone for makeing Powder, and some lately come from Acheen, Resolved that the Storekeeper buy up Ten candy for that use and that he Impresses one hundred Pags: for the procury of Plank prope[r] for Gun Carriages, as a Store.

Brimstone &ca: to be bought by the Storekeeper.

The Paymaster is Order'd to sell at Outcry, the Mare presented by the Poligar of Vellore Pollem woods, where our souldiers were stop'd, who deserted this Garrison the 6th: October last.

A mare to be sold by the Paymaster.

Whereas in a Letter to Metchlepatam of the 3d: January last, wee Empower'd Mr: Tho: Lovell &ca: to draw on Us to the amount of Five thousand Pags: if there was an urgent necessity for't, and not otherwise, and that if Mr: Lovell was come away, the Power of drawing on us, was Null'd; soon after the receipt of said Order, Mr: Lovell Embarqu'd on the Benjamin for this place, yet nevertheless, hee drew two Bills on us to the amount of Five thousand Pagodas, which wee esteem contrary to the intent of our order; judgeing his comeing away so soon after the receipt of it, to be Tantamount as if he had been come away before, in regard wee did not intend to intrust the Companys estate in the hands of those who were not their Covenant Servants.

The factors at Metchlepatam allow'd to draw 5,000 pas: ℘ Bill if necessity requir'd.

[21st]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1699–1700*——

They give the reasons for the necessity of drawing and two bills for 5,000 pas: order'd to be paid.

These two Bills for Five thousand Pagodas, having been often presented us for acceptance, & was this day in Councill brought again, upon which M^{r}: Lovell was sent for to lay before us the necessity there was for drawing these two Bills, whereupon he answers, that there being so small remains as about Thirteen hundred Pagodas, hee did it to keep the Merchants employ'd in the Company's Service, that so they might not all go over to the new Company to be Employ'd, which considering, as also the Credit of the Comp^{a}: the Bills being drawn by their ffactors, It is resolved, that the two Bills dated the 25th: Jan^{ry}: last for Five thousand Pagoda's be forthwith paid Viz^{t}: One for Pag^{s}: Two thousand five hundred to Indoor Tripite, the other for Two thousand five hundred Pagoda's to Quorala Railue as advised in their Letter dated the 30th: January last.

At Metchlepatam their Goods to lye unsorted & why.

And 'tis further Order'd that a Letter be wrote to Metchlepatam, that they hasten the getting in of the Goods, and to lett them lye unsorted till our further order, wee intending with all speed to send a Supervisor to Inspect and Direct the management of the Companys Affairs in those parts, and to settle a Cheif & Councill for the better management thereof.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

23 Received Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 20th: Instant.

Also Generall Letters from M^{r}: Saml: Woolston at Metchlepatam dated the 6th: Instant and from Vizagapatam dated the 24th: February last.

MONDAY 25

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS — MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS WRIGHT — JOHN MEVERELL
THOMAS MARSHALL
M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL *indispos'd*

Letters received, read.

Generall Letters from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 20th: Instant from M^{r}: Samuel Woolston at Metchlepatam dated the 6th: ditto, and from Vizagapatam dated the 24th: ffebruary last, all read.

Fort S^{t}: David bill for 1,200 pags: order'd to be paid.

Ordered that Twelve hundred Pag^{s}: be paid Messrs: Stephen Frewen and Thomas Wigmore, being for one Bill drawn by the Deputy Govr: &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 20th: Instant.

Land custom accot: for mo: Feby: read, and

M^{r}: John Meverell read his Land Custom Acco^{t}: for the month of February last, particulars Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custom	Pag^{s}:	329 : 2 : 5
Trivlecane Custom	,,	0 : 10 : 40
Rubie Brokers	,,	10 : 28 : 60
Cloth Brokers	,,	4 : 12 : 0
Town Rents	,,	39 : 34 : 28
Registring Slaves	,,	0 : 8 : 0
	Pag^{s}:	384 : 23 : 53

Pag^{s}: 376 paid in on that accot: Accot: Salary ending y^{e}: 25th: March to be drawn out.

and pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys cash Three hundred Seventy Six Pagoda's on that account.

Order'd that the Accomptant draw out the Acco^{t}: Salary due to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Servants ending this Day.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1699-1700*—— [25TH]

M^{r} : Thomas Wright read his Acco^{t} : Sea Customs for the month of February last, particulars Viz^{t} :

Sea custom Acco^{t} : for month February read, &

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month	Pag^{s} :	735 : 12 : 85
To Custom on Grain	,,	1190 : 34 : 70
To Anchorage	,,	36 : 18 : 0
To Salvage	,,	17 : 26 : 25
	Pag^{s} :	1980 : 19 : 5

and pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s}: Cash Eight hundred Pagoda's on that account and M^{r} : Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper (by his Conicoplie) pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : cash Two thousand Six hundred Pag^{s} : on Acco^{t} : Silver and Goods Sold.

Pag^{s} : 800 paid in on y^{t} : acco^{t} : Warehouse-keeper pays 2,600 p^{as} : on Acco^{t} : Silver and Goods sold.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Loyall Captain Armiger Gostlin Comand^{r} : and M^{r} : Edward Fleetwood Supra cargo arrived from Canton in China. 28

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 28TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

Generall Letters to Fort S^{t} : David and to Messrs : Woolston &c^{a} : at Metchlepatam dated the 28th : Ins^{t} : both read and approved.

M^{r} : Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys cash Two thousand five hundred Pag^{s} : on acco^{t} : Goods sold.

Letters sent, read & approv'd. Warehouse-keeper pays 2,500 p^{as} : on acco^{t} : Goods sold.

The Accomptant produceing the last half years salary due to the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Servants of this place ending the 25th : Instant amounting to Pag^{s} : 988 : 20 : 5, Ordered that the same be paid.

Acco^{t} : Salary ending 25th : March amo^{t} : Pa^{s} : 988 : 20 : 5 order'd to be paid.

In persuance of our Consultation dated the 4th : Instant, It is resolved that Instructions be drawn out for M^{r} : Roger Braddylls proceeding to Metchlepatam & Vizagapatam.

Instructions for M^{r} : Braddylls proceeding to y^{e} : No : ern factorys order'd to be drawn out.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Sloop Mahomadee Fakery Mahomadoo Noqueda arrived from Malacca. 28

Ketch Chindatry Mussa Nina Noqueda arrived from Quedda and brought Six Elephants.

Ship Johanna Richard Rawlings Comander and M^{r} : John Dolben Supra cargo arrived from Emoy in China. 29

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[29TH] Ship Friendship William Morrice Comander arrived from Fort St : David and Pegu, by whom received Generall Letter from the Dep: Govr : &ca : Councill dated the 26th : Instant, incloseing Bill Lading for 148 bales Calicoes Account the Rt : Honble : Company amounting to Pags : 8770 : 10 : 0.

FRIDAY Do : The following Order was sign'd by the Governr : and Councill.

Fort St : David bales 148 order'd to be unladen.

Ship Friendship being arrived from Fort St : David with one hundred forty eight bales Calicoes belonging to the Rt : Honr : Company, The Warehouse-keeper is therefore order'd to unlade the same.

THOMAS PITT.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMS : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
THOMS : MARSHALL.

30 Ship Conjevaron John Carroon Pilot arrived from Manilha.

31 Ship Prospect Francisco Nunis Master arrived from Bengall.

[APRIL] 3D. By a Country Boat Dispatch'd General Letter to Messrs : Woolston and Rowland at Metchlepatam dated the 28th : March last.

Brigantine St : David George Weoley Master Saild for Bengall, by whom sent a Genl : Letter to the Agent &ca : Councill dated this Day.

4 Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort St : David dat : the 28th : March last.

Yesterday Ship St : Pedro, Manuel Gonsalvis Commander came into this road from St : Thoma.

MONDAY Do:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMS : MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Comps : cash for mo : March read. Paymasters accots : for Jany : & February last, read.

The President read his Accot : of the Rt : Honble : Companys cash for the month March last, the Ballance being Pags : 7402 : 34 : 2.

Mr : Matthew Empson Paymaster read his Accot : Disbursements for the months of January and ffebruary last particulars Vizt :

Jan :	Charges Garrison	Pa : 1100 : 35
	Factors Provisions	156 : —
	Charges Extraordinary...	11 : 23
	Fort St : David	— : 34
	Charges Generall	310 : 11
	Charges Diet	265 : —
	Charges Cattle	5 : 7
	Fortifications & Repairs	50 : 34
		Pags : 1901 : —
Febry :	Charges Garrison	Pa : 1077 : 17
	Charges Diet	310 : 31
	Charges Merchandize	1 : 11
	Charges Generall	333 : 16
	Charges Cattle	38 : 1
	Charges Extraordinary	6 : 31
	Fortifications & Repairs	17 : 26
		Pags : 1785 : 25

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[4TH] Money on sundry accots: paid into Cash.

The President pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Pags: 16 : 3 : 4 for so much lost out of the Mint, with which he is charged in the last Generall Books, and Mr: Roger Braddyll Warehousekeeper pays Five thousand Pagoda's on accot: Silver & Goods sold. Also Mr: John Foquet Rentall General pays Seven hundred fifty five Pags: and Six fans: on accot: Quit Rents.

The Merchants to adjust accots: of their last Investmt: wth: the warehousekeeper.

The time being expired on the 10th: Febry: last for the Merchants bringing in their Goods contracted for the 14th: April 1699, It is Ordered that they forthwith attend the warehousekeeper, and he to lay before us in writing the arrears standing out to compleat the said Investment, and if any Differences arrises between him and the said Merchts: in settleing their accounts, that he likewise lays the reasons before the Govr: and Councill.

Order'd that Deo Gramash Portuguez be Discharg'd from the Garrison.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

10TH

Received Generall Letter from Mr: Saml: Woolston &ca: ffactors at Metchlepatam dated the 26th: March last.

Ship Bowanee Sancarah arrived from Topatore.

THURSDAY 11

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOMS: MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL
MR: EMPSON *indispos'd*

European Discharg'd ye: Gunroom.

Order'd that George Watts be discharg'd from the Gunroom at his request.

Generall Letter from Messrs: Woolston & Noden at Metchlepatam dated the 26th: March last, read.

Warehousekeeper pays 3,000 pas: on accot: Goods &ca: Sold & the Seacustomer 1000 pas: on yt: Accot:

Mr. Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Three thousand Pags: on accot: Goods and Silver Sold, and Mr: Thomas Wright pays One thousand Pags: on Accot: Sea Custom's.

European Entertain'd a Soldier.

Order'd that Antonio be entertain'd a Souldier in this Garrison.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

12TH

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 8th: Instant, with Invoice of the 148 bales Laden on Ship Friendship.

Ship Enattaly Abdula Ryhim arrived from Bengall.

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Ship Prospect Francisco Nunis Master Sailed for Bengall.

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17 Ship Dolphin Lockyer Watts Sail'd for Pegu.
Ship St^{a}: Mareia, Coja Saffer Noqueda, Saild for Pegu.
18 Ship Acheen Merchant Samuel Hart Master arrived from Pegu.
Ship Mahomadee, Mahomud Assud saild for Pegu.
22 Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 31st: March last.
Sloop Christian Quintus, Andrew Sombar Mast^{r}: arrived from Tringombar.

MONDAY 22D

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

Late Arrac farmers pays into Cash 150 p^{as}: on that Accot:

M^{rs}: Francis Monk &c^{a}: late Arrac farm^{rs}: pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys cash One hundred fifty Pag^{s}: on that account.

Interest bonds order'd to be Paid.

M^{r}: John Affleck presenting two Bonds at Interest Viz^{t}: one dated the 8th: July last for Pag^{s}: Two thousand, and one dated the 14th: November last for Pag^{s}: Five thousand, Order'd that they be paid, with the Interest thereon.

Portuguez discharg'd y^{e}: Gun-room.

John Fernando was discharg'd the Gunroom at his request on the 15th: Instant.

Genl: Lre &c^{a}: papers from Fort St: David, read.

Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 8th: Instant, with the severall papers therewith received, all read.

Torn cloth in y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: hands to be made into Shirts

Order'd that all the torn cloth fitting both fine and course be made into shirts.

Warehouse-keeper pays 2000 p^{as}: for Goods sold & y^{e}: Seacustomer 900 p^{as}: on y^{t}: accot:

M^{r}: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{r}: Comp^{s}: cash Two thousand Pag^{s}: on Acco^{t}: Goods sold, and M^{r}: Thomas Wright pays nine hundred Pag^{s}: on Acco^{t}: Sea-Custom's.

Pag^{s}: 1000 Order'd the Paym^{r}: to defray charges.

Order'd that One thousand Pag^{s}: be paid M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Receiver of y^{e}: Custom-house delivers in a Paper.

M^{r}: Thomas Wigmore delivers in a paper (as entered next after this consultation) which is refer'd to further consideration.

Some being fallen, the other Beaten Godowns are to be pul'd down.

Part of the Beating Godowns being lately fallen, and the rest so defective, that wee beleive they cannot long stand, It is therefore order'd that the Paymaster pull the rest down.

Pags: 30 : 18 paid into cash for a mare sold.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Paymaster pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 30 : 18 being for the Mare order'd to be sold at Outcry as ℘ Consultation dated the 21st: March last.

Pag^{s}: 211 : 12 : 70 paid into Cash for 13 m^{os}: Town Conicoplys Duty at Sea-Custom house.

M^{r}: Thomas Wigmore Receiver of the Sea Customs pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash Pa: 211 : 12 : 70 on Acco^{t}: Town Conicopleys Duty for thirteen mo^{ths}: ending the ult^{o}: January last.

Storekeepers acco^{ts}: for mo: February & March read.

M^{r}: Francis Bett Prov^{l}: Storekeeper read his acco^{ts}: for the months of February & March last.

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Peter de Pomera for Acco^{t} : of M^{r} : William Proby pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Cash One hundred twenty five Pag^{s} : for half a year for the Wine Licence ending the 25th : March last. Pags : 125 paid into Cash acco^{t} : Wine Licence ending 25th : March last.

Order'd that Three hundred Pag^{s} : be paid Paulo &c^{a} : Washers for cureing the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : cloth. Pags : 300 advanc'd to ye : washers.

Peter de Pomera &c^{a} : Arrac farmers pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{r} : Comp^{s} : Cash Two hundred fifty Pag^{s} : on that acco^{t} : ending the 14th : March last. Pags : 250 paid into Cash Acco^{t} : Arrac farm.

The Garrison Store of Butter and Wheat being much decay'd, Order'd that the same be sold at Outcry. Damaged Stores Order'd to be sold.

Serjant Ignatius White lately come from Fort S^{t} : David by the Deputy Govr : &c^{a} : Councills permission, now requesting our leave to bee Discharg'd, It is accordingly granted him. A Serjant discharg'd at his request.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON^{BLE} : THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R} : GOVERN^{R} :
OF FORT S^{T} : GEORGE &C^{A} : COUNCILL.

Honble : S^{r} : &c^{a} :

You having by an Act of Councill dated the 7th : December last, made all Collectors of the Comp^{s} : Revenues answerable for what received, whether by themselves or the Conicoplies. And also therein for security of such collectors have given them liberty to chuse their own Conicoplies with the approbation of your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : And that it shall be in the Officers power to take Security of all Conicoplies that Officiate under him ; which order being made in a very short time after I had enterd upon the employment I now am in, and therefore consequently, before I could have a true knowledge of the manner of collecting the customs, or of the persons by whom a great part must be received, was the only reason I did not make my applycation to your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : sooner. But since I am better acquainted with that business, I humbly conceive, that it is not in the power of any Englishman to receive all the customs himself, because great part arises from importations made by blacke Merchants, Strangers ; The Conicoplys that are now employed in collecting thereof have declared themselves uncapable of giving security nor can I find any that are, and 'tis hardly to be expected that men which serve for about Eighteen pence a week can give such as is sufficient. For w^{ch} : reasons if your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : pleasure is that the Receiver shall be answerable for what received by all the Conicoplies self-preservation obliges me to acquaint you, that on those term's I dare not continue longer in that employ, being necessitated to trust such persons whose honesty is but poor Security. But if your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : shall think fitt to order any method whereby the customs may be collected without such apparent hazard of ruin to the collector, I shall use my utmost diligence to put the same in execution, all which is humbly offer'd to your Hon^{r} : &c^{as} : consideration by Receiver of the Custom—house his paper, declareing his unwillingness to continue in that Employ & why.

S^{rs} : Y^{or} : most Obed^{t} : Servant
THO : WIGMORE.

Fort S^{t} : George, 22^{d} : April 1700.

Ship Noss Senhora Rosairo Anthony Norangy Comander came into this road from S^{t} : Thoma. 24

[24TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1700*——

The Companys Ship Rubie Zachariah Stilgo Master arrived from Bengall, by whom received Generall Letter from the Agent &c^a: dated the 7th: March last, with the severall papers as ℘ List from N°: 1 to 15.

THURSDAY 25

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^s: MARSHALL
The Councill being duly Sum̃ond

Generall Letters received, read.

Generall Letters from Vizagapatam dated the 31st: March last, and from the Agent &c^a: of Bengall dated the 7th: March last, copy of their Letter dated the 13th: and 15th: January last (the Original whereof never came to hand) with the severall papers received in the Pacquet, all read.

Ship Rubie from Bengall order'd [to] be unladen.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade the severall Goods sent by Ship Rubie from the Agent and Councill of Bengall.

Warehouse Accots: for mos: February & March read.

M^r: Roger Braddyll read his warehouse acco^t: for the months of February & March last.

Ship Rubie supply'd w^th: an Anchor & Cable being in want.

The Master acquainting us that Ship Rubie wants an Anchor and Cable. Order'd that the Storekeep^r: send off an Anchor of about 600 weight and a Coire Cable.

Accot: Remains to ye: 30th: Instant of all charges to be brought in.

Order'd that the respective Officers bring in Acco^t: Remains to the 30th: Instant, of the severall charges under them.

The Joint Stock Merch^ts: desire a Vessell, having Cloth at Kisnap^m: Ship Rubie spared for that purpose.

The Joint Stock Merchants acquaints us, that at Kisnapatam about 15 Leagues to the N°:ward, they have about 4 or 5,000 Pag^s: of Goods lying ready to put on board, and requesting our assistance in the procury of a Vessell to fetch them hither, promiseing to pay freight, which being consider'd. It is resolved that Ship Rubie be spared for that purpose, not having any present employ for her.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

26TH Ship Greyhound [*Lacuna in the original*] Master arrived from Bombay and brought a Generall Letter from the Generall &c^a: Council there dated the 5th: March last.

27 Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S^t: David of this date.

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THURSDAY MAY 2

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOMS : MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Ballance of the Minters Accot : paid into Cash.

Sarsapah &ca : Minters pay into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Pags : 108 : 16 : 1 being what they stand Indebted upon the former Genl : books.

Sea Custom Accots : for March mo : read.

Mr : Thomas Wright read his Sea Custom Accots: for the month March last, particulars Vizt :

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month	Pags :	686 :	4 :	90
To Custom on Grain	„	463 :	16 :	25
To Anchorage	„	70 :	— :	—
To Freight of Ship Neptune from Metchlepatam ...	„	15 :	2 :	2
To Freight of Ship Benjamin to Bengall	„	16 :	29 :	70
To Freight of ditto from Bengall	„	217 :	7 :	75
	Pags :	1468 :	25 :	—

Companys Accot : Cash for April mo : read.

The President read his Accot : of the Rt : H : Comps : Cash for the month April last, the Ballance being Pags : 10,954 : 20 : 5.

Land Custom Accot : for March mo : read and

Mr : John Meverell read his Land Custome Accots : for the month March last, particulars Vizt :

Choultry Custom	Pags :	461 :	17 :	30
Trivlecane Custom	„	— :	11 :	—
Rubie Brokers	„	22 :	3 :	15
Cloth Brokers	„	— :	8 :	15
Town Rents	„	4 :	32 :	35
Registring Slaves	„	— :	24 :	—
Fines	„	2 :	— :	—
	Pags :	491 :	24 :	15

Pags : 485 paid into Cash on ye : accot :

and pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : Four hundred Eighty five on that account.

Mint Accot : for March mo : read.

The President read his Mint Accounts for the month March last, particulars Vizt :

To Custom of Gold coin'd in the Mint Pa : 188 : 17 : 40.

Generall Letter from Bombay dated 5th : March last, read.

Warehouse-keeper pays into Cash Pa : 1,000 for Goods sold.

Mr : Roger Braddyll Warehousekeeper pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : cash One thousand Pags : on Accot : Goods sold.

Town Conicoply is paid 25 pags : for 3 moths :

Order'd that Pags : Twenty five be paid Woota Linga Town Conicopley for three months ending the ultimo April last.

The Warehousekeeper to pay for ye : freight of Bales from St : David and to deliver Peter for Powder.

The Warehousekeeper is Order'd to pay the Owner of Ship Friendship Pags : One hundred & Eleven being for Freight of 148 bales Calicoes at $\frac{3}{4}$ Pags : ℔ Bale received from Fort St : David and the Warehousekeeper also to deliver the Store-keeper forty Candy Salt-petre for makeing of Powder.

[2ND]

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1700*——

Persons and Mony to be sent to Metchlepatam to carry on y^{e} : Comp^{s} : affairs.

Ship John Baptista being suddainly design'd for Metchlepatam, It is therefore resolved that Ten thousand Pag^{s}: be sent thither on her and persons to manage the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Affairs.

Tobacco Manager Acco^{t} : for March m^{o} : read and pays 481 pag^{s} : into Cash.

M^{r} : Richard Hunt Tobacco Mañager read his acco^{t}: of Tobacco sold for the month March last, being Pag^{s} : 534 : 4 : 60 and pays into the R^{t} : Honble ; Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : Four hundred eighty one on that account.

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{S} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

7 Ship Sedgwick Henry Harnett Master Sail'd for Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Agent &c^{a} : Councill dated the 6th : Instant incloseing copy of ours dated the 3^{d} : April last.

Ketch Recovery Andrew Goodman Master Sail'd for Bengall.

FRIDAY 10

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^{S} : MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

People discharg'd the Gunroom.

John Webster on the 4th : and William Aked on the 7th: Instant, were Discharg'd the Gunroom at their request.

Torn cloth to be taken in.

There being a great quantity [of] torn cloth in the Merchants hands, Order'd that it be taken in at the former prizes.

Copper to be bought & coin'd into Cash.

The Paymaster is order'd to Buy five Candy of Copper and deliver it into the Mint, for y^{e}: Coining of Dooda's & Cash, there being great want of them in Town.

Mint Acco^{t} : for m^{o} : April read & Pag^{s} : 1103 : 12 : 20 as y^{e} : Ballance p^{d} : into Cash.

The President read his Mint Acco^{ts} : for the month April last, particulars Viz^{t} :

To Custom of Gold Coin'd in the Mint Pa : 747 : 0 : 60 and pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : 1103 : 12 : 20 as the Ballance, and Pag^{s} : 211 on acco^{t} : Fanams Coin'd. Also pays 53$\frac{1}{16}$ Dollars and Rup^{s} : 347 : 6 an^{s} : to the Warehousekeeper.

Pag^{s} : 1,800 paid into Cash acco^{t} : Goods sold.

M^{r} : Roger Braddyll Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Cash Eighteen hundred Pag^{s} : on acco^{t} : Goods sold.

Pag^{s} : 1,000 to be paid y^{e} : Paym^{r} : for defraying charges.

Order'd that one thousand Pag^{s} : be paid M^{r} : Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Letter to Vizagap^{m} : read & sign'd.

Generall Letter to Vizagapatam of this Date, read & sign'd.

Ship Rubie being crank

Ship Rubie being represented by the Agent &c^{a} : Councill to be very crank, and for that reason sent hither being unfitt for their Service, It is therefore Agreed a Note be Affixt at the Sea Gate, signifying that said Ship be Put up to

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Sale at Publick Outcry on Wednesday next being the 15th: Instant, and that the Sea Customer do Bid so far as Fifteen hundred Pagoda's. Order'd to be sold.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 7th: Instant, with 11
the severall papers as ℘ List from No. 1 to 9.

Ship Humphry & Charles, William Folks Master Saild for Vizagapatam & 13
Bengall, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Cheif &c^{a}: Councill of the former place dated the 10th Instant, incloseing Invoice and the Boatswains Receipt for a small Box of Factors Provisions.

Generall Letter from the Dep: Govr: of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 12th: Ins- 15
tant, advise Ship Chamber frigat Capt: Thomas South Comander, being arrived there that day from Europe, and that severall other Ships are design'd for the Coast, Bay & Surat.

Ship Fame Capt: William Brown Comander arrived from England, on whom 16
was S^{r}: Charles Eyre Knight President for Bengall.

S^{r}: Charles Eyre came on shore, with the Com^{r}. 17

Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dat: 28th April last ℘ Cossed 18
accompanying Genl: Letter from Bengall dated 12th: March, with Journall Parcells and Acco^{t}: Currant taken out of their Books RR relating to this Place.

Ship Bone Scetterah Matt: Martin Comander arrived from Surat and Goa. 20

Ship Joan Baptista, Coja Chatoon Noqueda Saild for Metchlepatam and 21
Bengall.

S^{r}: Charles Eyre went on board about six a clock this evening, and in the night Ship Fame W^{m}: Brown Comander saild for Bengall.

Received Generall Letter from the President &c^{a}: at Surat dated 4th: April last, with two Papers of what Past in Discourse between S^{r}: Nichola's Waite Consul, and President for the new Comp^{s}: Affairs, and Messrs: Somaster and Terne our Masters Servants.

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 22

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS	ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT	MATT: EMPSON
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL	JOHN MEVERELL

Generall Letters from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 7th: & 12th: Instant, from Bengall dated the 12th: March last, from Vizagapatam dated the 28th: April last, and from the President &c^{a}: at Surat dated the 4th: April, all read. Letters from Sundry places, read.

Order'd that Pag^{s}: 554: 26: 20 be paid M^{r}: John Affleck, and Pag^{s}: Eighty nine to M^{r}: Thomas Marshall, being for two Bills of Exchange drawn by the Dep: Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t}: David. Two bills drawn from Ft: St: David order'd to be paid.

The Sea-Customer reports that Ship Rubie being put up to Publick Outcry as ℘ Consultat: the 10th: Instant, none advanc'd above Five hundred and five Pagoda's. It is therefore Order'd that she be return'd to Bengall, from whence she was sent us. Ship Rubie not Selling for the Sum Limitted is order'd for Bengall.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{r}: Companys cash Fifteen hundred Pag^{s}: on that account. Pags: 1,500 paid into Cash Acco^{t}: Sea Custom.

[22ND] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1700*——

Paymrs: Accots: for mo: March read.

Mr: Matthew Empson read his Paymastrs: Accots: for the month March last, particulars Vizt:

Charges Garrison	...	...	...	...	Pa: 1045: 7
Diet	...	..	...	...	„ 390: 6
Charges Generall	...	...	...	...	„ 289: 31
Factors Provisions	...	...	...	...	„ 4: 22
Charges Cattle ...	...	...	...	...	„ 121: 28
Charges Extraordinary	...	...	...	...	„ 4: 18
Fort St: David ...	...	...	...	...	„ 2: 5
Accot: Presents	...	...	...	...	„ 35: 24
Fortifications and Repairs ...		...	...	...	„ 40: 8
					Pags: 1934: 5

The Trustees of Hamon Gibbons decd: deliver in a Petition.

Messrs: John Styleman and George Lewis Trustees of Mr: Hamon Gibbons deceas'd, delivering in a Petition (as entred, after this Consultation) with an Account, Order'd that Mr: Ellis and Mr: Braddyll do Examine the York Fort and Indrapore Books &ca: and report the same.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

To

THE HONBLE: THOMAS PITT ESQR:
PRESIDENT & GOVR: OF
FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCILL.

HONBLE: SR: &CA:

The Trustees of Hamon Gibbons decd: their Petition.

Mr: Hammon Gibbons Deceas'd did in his last Will and Testament order us his Trustees to Petition Your Honr: &ca: to adjust his account with the Rt: Honble: Company, and pay ye: Ballance into our hands. Wee find by the Accot: taken from the Companys Generall Books both of Indrapore and this Place, that Mr: Gibbons has Credit for Pags: Eleven thousand Two hundred and Three, Thirty three fanams, and fifty one Cash which Books of Accounts were framed & adjusted by the Companys Covenant Servants, who, wee presume, were no ways Biased, but did Enter the Accounts faithfully, as they found them first Examining them that they were as they ought to be, However if your Honr: &ca: do Know or suspect that there is any mistake or Error in any part of Mr: Gibbons Accot: wee humbly request that your Honr: &ca: would please to appoint some fitt Persons (that will take Pains to do it faithfully) to Examine and adjust his accot: without favour or affection. Wee have noe reason to Beleive, that Mr: Gibbons did ever desire that wee should demand or receive more than what was really his due, and wee are so abundantly satisfied in your Honr: &ca: Justice, that wee are very well contented to leave it to your Honr: &ca: to Determine whether all or part only of Mr: Gibbons's Credit be due. And if your Honr: &ca: will please to pay us what you really find is due, wee shall as in duty bound Pray for your Honr: &ca: being.

Yor: Honrs: &cas: most hum: Servts:

Fort St: George 20th: May 1700.

JOHN STYLEMAN.
GEORGE LEWIS.

25 Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort St: David of yesterdays Date, incloseing Journall parcells and Memorandums to be enter'd in their Genl: Book's.

SATURDAY 25TH The Governour & Councill sign'd the following Order Vizt:

FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1700 [25TH]

Whereas the Sccarsity of ffanams in the Buzar causes great clamour, It is Order'd that Two thousand Ounces of the West-coast Dollar's be deliver'd into the Mint, and ffanams forthwth: coin'd. Fanams Order'd to be coin'd & why.

THOMs: PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMs: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Yesterday Ship Sts: Peter & Paul Emanuel Gauss Sail'd for Macow.
Ship Topey, Wolly Mahomado Noqueda arrived from Pollicherry. 26
Ship Fortune James Lock Master arrived from Bengall.
Ship Conjavaron Francisco Broah Master Saild for Tringombar. 29
The Governour & Councill sign'd ye: following Order Vizt: FRIDAY 31

Whereas the Warehousekeeper and ye: Joint Stock Merchants differing very much in their Accounts as to the amount of what is brought in of the last Investment, And the Merchants also complaining of many hardships done them in the Warehouse, It is therefore Order'd by the Governour and Councill that the Warehousekeeper, together with Messrs: Ellis and Wright do summon all the Joint-Stock Merchants and state their account with the Rt: Honr: Company, and take notice apart of the Merchants objections, as also peruse the warehouse book, and see whether the Merchants have the same allowance between Number & No: according to the ancient and standing Rules of the warehouse, and that they View and Value the torn and turn'd out cloth and all remains whatever, and with all speed (the Comps: Service requireing it) make their report under their hands to the Governour and Councill. Warehouse-keeper and Joint stock Merchts: differing in accots: the latter also complaining of hardships. Persons are appointed to examine & report the same.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 29th: May last, with the severall Papers as ℔ list to No: 9. JUNE 3D
Ship Bone Scettery Matt: Martin Comander saild for Bengall. 5

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 7TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

Mr: Thomas Wright read his Sea Custome Account for the month April last, particulars Vizt: Sea Customers accot: for the mo; April read &

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month ...	Pags:	1,569 :	16 :	2
To Custom on Grain	,,	507 :	3 :	2
To Anchorage...	,,	67 :	18 :	—
	Pags:	2,144 :	1 :	4

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Three thousand Pagodas on that account. Pags: 3000 paid into Cash on that Accot:

[7TH] *—FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1700—*

Paymrs: Accots: for April, read.

Mr: Matthew Empson read his Paymasters Account for the month April last, ℘ticulars Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1,031:	26
Diet	„	299:	6
Charges Cattle	„	18:	9
Charges Generall	„	356:	29
Fort St: David	„	1:	14
Fleet Point	„	858:	10
Charges Extraordinary	„	3:	17
Fortifications & Repairs	„	31:	11
	Pags:	2,600:	14

Arrac farmers pays 100 Pags: in full of that ffarm ending Novr: 1699.

Mrs: Frances Monk &ca: late Arrac farmers pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash One hundred Pags: and is in full of the Arrac farm ending the last November 1699.

For Customs at Cuddalore Pags: 472: 32: 77 paid into Cash here.

Order'd that Fort St: David have Credit for Pags: 472: 32: 77 being so much paid into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash here by the President, for Custom due from Mocdum Nina at Cuddalore.

Men entertain'd & Discharg'd the Gunroom.

Harmon Bruinno was Entertain'd in the Gunroom the 24th: May last, and Charles Alleyn and Henry Green were on the 5th: Instant Discharg'd therefrom at their requests.

Land Customers Accots: for ye: mo: April read &

Mr: John Meverell read his land Custom Accot: for the month April last, ℘ticulars Vizt:

Choultry Custom	Pags:	474:	19:	40
Trivlecane Custom	„	—:	9:	40
Rubie Brokers	„	191:	24:	—
Cloth Brokers	„	6:	4:	20
Town Rents	„	10:	30:	60
Registring Slaves	„	1:	20:	—
	Pags:	685:	—:	—

Pags: 678 paid into Cash on that Accot: also 1000 Pags: by the Warehousekeeper.

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Six hundred Seventy eight Pagoda's on that accot: and Mr: Roger Braddyll warehousekeeper pays One thousand Pagodas on Account Goods sold.

The Comps: Cash for May mo: read.

The President read his Accot: of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month May last, the Ballance being Pags: 15974: 23.

Pags: 1000 Order'd the Paymr:

Order'd that Pags: One thousand be paid Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Men Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Order'd that Thomas Crum and Wm: James be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Generall from Fort St: David read.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 29th: May last, read.

No more Shirts to be made.

Order'd that no more Shirts be made then what cloth already deliver'd out for that purpose.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
RO: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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The Governour and Councill sign'd the follow^g: Order Viz^t: SATURDAY 8

It is order'd by the Govr: & Councill that the Warehousekeeper permitts Serapa &c^a: Joint Stock Merchants to take out of the warehouse a Bale or two of each sort & number of Cloth that they complain off as to the Sorting of it, and let 'em carry it into the Consultation room, where the Govern^r: & Councill will meet and compare 'em with the Musters. A bale or two of each sort of Cloth to be compared with the Musters.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Deliver'd a Pass to Ship Acheen Merchant burthen Seventy Tonn Samuel Hart Comander bound on a trading Vayage to Bengall & Mocha. 8TH
Ship Gunnaputty arrived from Cocheen, Fran[cisco] Rebarah Master. 10

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY d^o:

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS — ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT — MATTHEW EMPSON
THOM^s: MARSHALL — JOHN MEVERELL

Andrew Gate and John Child were Discharg'd the Gunroom and Stephen Couch the Garrison all on the 8th: Instant at their requests. Men Discharg'd the Garrison.

M^r: John Affleck in behalf of himself and severall Merchants of this Place, makeing this day a Proposition to the Govern^r: & Councill of takeing off Silver to the Amount of Fifty thousand Pagodas Certain, and not exceeding 70,000 Pagoda's, Conditionally, that a Europe Ship arrive by the 20th: Instant, and that he has then a Ship ready for China, or later to receive the Treasure if he requires it, and to pay the Company at the rate of Tenn Pag^s: for 17¼ weighty Dollars; which Proposition is accepted. Proposition of takeing off Silver at 17¼ Dolls ₱ Ten Pag^s: accepted.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Governour & Councill sign'd the following Order Viz^t: TUESDAY 11TH

Whereas there lyes in the Companys Warehouse, about One thousand peices of turn'd out Long Cloth Ordinary, 'Tis propos'd by y^e: Govr: (there being a Ship ready to go for Manilha) to take the said Long Cloth, and he will oblige himself to redeliver to be sorted up to their present Musters for England, as many peices into the Companys Warehouse on, or before the 10th: of September next, the Joint Stock Merchants having agreed to itt, and is also agreed by us. Turn'd out Long Cloth to be rec^d: by the Govr: he delivering the like quantity, Good.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOM^s: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THO: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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13 Received Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David dated the 10th: Instant.

14 Ship Acheen Merchant Samuel Hart Comand^r: sail'd for Bengall.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S^t: David of Yesterdays Date, with an order from hence to remain for any Comander of any of the R^t: Honble: Companys Ships that shall arrive there.

15TH Deliver'd Passes to Ship Friendship burthen Sixty Tonn William Morrice Comander bound to Surat & Persia, and to Ship Saram burthen Eighty Tonn Thomas Plumb Comander bound to Junc Seilon, Quedda & Surat.

MONDAY 17 The Governour and Councill sign'd the following Order Viz^t:

Edwd: King late factor of the Comp^a: is ℘mitted to go to Metchlep^m: he giving Bond for his Debt to the Honble: Company.

M^r: Edward King requesting our leave to go to Metchlepatam, having Invitation to serve the new Company there, But be standing Indebted to the R^t: Honble: Company upon their Generall Books Pag^s: 73 : 23 : 2, It is Agreed he have leave given him to proceed to Metchlep^m: his Bond being taken for said Debt, which is Order'd to be remitted home, that it may be Deducted out of his Salary payable in England.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOM^s: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

TUESDAY 18

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS ROGER BRADDYLL
THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL

Pag^s: 1,051 paid into Cash for Moneys Levied towards building the black town wall & works.

The President pays into the R^t: H: Comp^s: Cash the Sum of One thousand fifty one Pagoda's being money Levied by order of the Governour and Councill on the Inhabitants of the black Town, for the Building of the Wall and what works shall be thought necessary for y^e: Defence and ecurity of the same. Wherefore 'tis order'd, that the Accomptant Arm's [*sic*] an Acco^t: thereof in the Companys Books, of what is or shall be paid in, under the head of, The Black Town Wall, & Works and that the Paymaster looks after the Building of the same, who is to follow the Directions from time to time of the Govern^r: and Councill and to them render a monthly Account thereof. And 'tis further Order'd that the Money already and what shall be collected be apply'd to that use and no other whatsoever.

Fort S^t: David bill Exchange order'd to be paid.

Order'd that Pag^s: Five hundred and fifty be paid the President, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep: Govr: &c^a: Council of Fort S^t: David dated the 15th: May last.

Fine Moorees to be delivd: for Paintings.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper deliver out all the fine Moorees in the Godown for Paintings.

The Necauts from Bengal to be return'd thither again.

The Necauts sent from Bengall for the Planting of Mulberry Trees and breeding of Silk worms at Fort S^t: David being sent thither the 28th: August 1699 and no Silks worms being come from Bengall and to [℘vent] any further charge, It is therefore resolved they have liberty to return to Bengall, and that Batty be allow'd for their Journey according to Agreement made with them by the Agent & Councill.

Ship Rubie to be Dispatch'd for Bengall w^th: Redwood & Cables.

Order'd that Ship Rubie be forthwith Dispatch'd for Bengall, and that the Warehousekeeper Lade One hundred & twenty Candy of Redwood, and then the Storekeeper to Lade so many of the largest cables as she can take in.

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[18TH]

Order'd that the Storekeeper sell the Europe Cordage at 3 pags : ℘ hundred And the Warehousekeeper to make tryall at Outcry of the Perpetuanoes, but not to sell for less then five Pagoda's ℘ peice.

The Storekeeper to sell Cordage at 3 pags : ℘c. Tryall for selling Perpetuanoes at Outcry but not under 5 pags : ℘ ps :

Mr : Frances Bett Provl : Storekeeper read his Accots : for the month April last, and pays into the Rt : Honble : Companys cash Three hundred Pags : for Stores Sold.

Storekeepers Accot : for April mo : read, and 300 Pags : paid into Cash for stores sold.

Generall Letter from Fort St : David dated the 10th : Instant, read, wherein they desire money for carrying on their Investment lately made for Thirty thousand Pagoda's. Order'd that Seven Thousand Pagodas be delivd : the Warehousekeeper out of Cash and he Lade the same with ten peices Broad Cloth Ordinary and a bale of Aurora on board Ship Saram, she being suddainly design'd for that place.

Money desired at Fort St : David for their Investment. Pags : 7000 Order'd them for that purpose, with some Broad Cloth &ca :

Mr : Richard Hunt Tobacco Manager read his Accot : of Tobacco sold for the month April last, and pays into the Rt : Honble : Companys Cash Three hundred Sixty one Pagodas on that account.

The Tobacco Managers Accot : for April month read and Pags : 361 paid into Cash on that accot .

Order'd that One thousand Pagoda's be paid Mr : Matthew Empson Paymaster to Defray Charges Garrison.

Pags : 1000 Order'd the Paymr : for Garrison Charges.

Mr : Bezaleel Morrice factor requesting leave to be Discharg'd the Rt : Honble : Comps : Service being desireous to return for England, It is accordingly granted him and his paper enter'd next after this Consultation.

Bezaleel Morrice Discharg'd ye : Comps : Service at his request.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

To THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT, President &cA : Councill.

Honble : Sr : &ca :

Having a desire to quitt the Rt . Honble : Companys Service to the intent of returning for England, my humble, and earnest request to your Honr : &ca : is, that you will be pleased (my time according to Indenture being long since expired) now to grant me a Discharge. I am with all respect.

Honble : Sr : &ca :
Your Obedt : & humble : Servt :
BEZALEEL MORRICE.

The request of Bezaleel Morrice to be Discharg'd the Comps : Service.

In Persuance of an Order of Consultation Dated, the 31st : May 1700, wee the Subscribers have met & summon'd the Joint-Stock Merchants, whose Objections to the Warehousekeepers Accot : and his Answers thereto are as followeth Vizt:

Report of the Examination as to the difference between the Warehousekeeper & Joint Stock Merchants about the sorting of their Calicoes.

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[18TH]

No : 3. Pags : 30 : 27 :— No : 4. Pags : 29 : 18 :— No : 5. Pags : 28 : 9 :—

Q. Whether the Merchants were satisfied with the prizes wee have put upon the Ord^{y} : Long Cloth as in the Margent.

A. They are not Satisfied without wee make it at N^{o} : 2.

The warehousekeeper doth say that the Price of the Longcloth was made by the Govr : and Councill thô the Consultation was omitted to be Entred, to the best of his remembrance it was Pag^{s} : 30 : 9 and accordingly it was Invoiced, but M^{r} : Mead saith it was Pag^{s} : 30 : 27 Probably some of the Councill may remember something of it.

Q. Concerning the Midling Longcloth whether they were contended with the difference of Pag^{s} : 3 between each number.

A. They will not allow more then Pag^{s} : 1 : 18 on the same.

The warehousekeeper and M^{r} : Mead doth affirm, that when these Goods were sorted, they sent severall peices to the Governour, acquainting him what they cutt from No. 1 to 2 who returned answer, that they ought to have cutt more.

As to the Salampores Ordinary they will allow 18 fanams from Number to Number and no more.

Upon examination of Journall **RR** wee find some at Pag^{s} : 1 : 18 Pag^{s} : 1 & 18 fanams, thô wee are apprehensive there is a mistake in the Contract and that Pag^{s} : 14 : 18 is put upon the Second N^{o} : which ought to have been Pag^{s} : 15 : 18 and the 3^{d} : number Pag^{s} : 14 : 18 the first being Pag^{s} : 16 : 18.

The Ordinary Moores cutt Pag^{s} : 1 : 18 between Sort and Sort they are not Satisfied with, but would have fan^{s} : 27 cutt ; when it is apparent that the Weavers allowed Pag^{s} : 2 between N^{o} : 9 & N^{o} : 8, and N^{o} : 8 & N^{o} : 7 without Grumbling.

As to the Long Cloth fine they Object against Pag^{s} : 5 abatement between N^{o} : & N^{o} : and are willing to allow but Pag^{s} : 3 and whereas wee find the Ginghams of 40 coveds long valued at Pag^{s} : 65 ℔ Corge & Pag^{s} : 5 cutt from the highest to the lowest N^{o} : gradually.

The Salampores fine is cutt Pag^{s} : 2 between N^{o} : & N^{o} : and they are against allowing more than Pag^{s} : one.

The warehousekeeper saith there hath been none of these sorts for many years and that the difference was cutt according to other Cloth of the same Nature, as fine Moores of Pag^{s} : 36 was cutt Pag^{s} : 3 and those of Pag^{s} : 20 ℔ Corge Pag^{s} : 1 : 18 and these being at Pag^{s} : 29 was cutt as above.

The Merchants Object nothing against the fine Moorees, there being cutt but Pag^{s} : 3 between each number, thô wee find by the Generall books they have been cutt Pag^{s} : 4 : 18 of which the warehousekeeper doth declare his ignorance.

Concerning the 40 Coved Gingham, Serapah doth alledge there is two sorts cleverly gone Viz^{t} : No. 35 & 35½ as to the first wee find none, and the latter but few in Journall **RR** the warehousekeeper doth say they were sorted according to muster, and beleives they are all gone home, wishing that Serapa had made his complaint before, that they might have been Examin'd.

As to the 16 Coved Gingham, Serapa doth alledge the same as those of 40 Coveds and the Warehousekeeper gives the same answer.

The Succatoms he Objects the same as he doth for the Ginghams, and farther saith, that whereas they cutt Pag^{s} : 5 between N^{o} : & N^{o} : they ought to cut but Pag^{s} : 2 : 18. The Warehousekeeper saith there is 3 bales in the Warehouse, and desires they may be open'd and compar'd with the Muster, there being no more cutt then there is in the other Goods of the like value.

To the 40 & 50 Coved Betteela's and Chints they have no Objection.

For the Oringall Betteela's they Object against the cutting Pag^{s} : 5 between N^{o} & N^{o} : and say they will allow no more then Pag^{s} : 2 : 18. The Warehouse-keeper answers, they are cutt according to Cloth of the like Value.

The valuation of the Long Cloth &c^{a} : wee refer untill it all comes from the Washerman's.

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As to Stating the Merchants Acco^{ts}: wee defer till the Govr: & Councill has perused and determined the Premention'd Articles Dated in Fort S^{t}: George this 5th: June 1700.

FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOM^{s}: WRIGHT.

Ship Friendship William Morrice Comander saild for Surat. 20

Ship Tryall Richard Bush Master arrived from Persia, and Prince Charles 21
[*Lacuna in the original*] from Tringombar.

Received this day ℘ Pattamar the following Generall Letters Viz^{t}: from the Agent &c^{a}: at Bengall dated 27th: March last, with copy of theirs dated 7 & 12th: ditto from Vizagapatam dated 17th: May last, with Acco^{t}: Cash for months March and April last: also from M^{r}: Saml: Woolston at Metchlepatam dated the ℘^{mo}: Ins^{t}: and copy of another (the Original not before received) dated the 4th: April last.

Ship Gunnaputty Francisco Rebarah Mast^{r}: sail'd for Bengall. 22

Ship Enattaly Abdula Ryhim Noqueda sail'd for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXT^{RY}: SATURDAY 22^{D}.

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOM^{s}: MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL

The Councill being duly Summon'd.

Copy Generall Letter from M^{r}: Woolston at Metchlepatam dated the 14th: April (the Original not being received) and another dated ℘^{mo}: Instant: also from Vizagapatam dated the 17th: May and from Bengall dated 27th: March last received ℘ Pattamar, all read. Letters received, read.

The Paymaster is Order'd to provide Necessarys for the Hospitall according to a List now produc'd. Necessarys to be provided for y^{e}: Hospitall.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Deliver'd a Pass to Ship Loyall Captain burthen about Two hundred Tonn 25
John Tyler Comand^{r}: bound to Surat & Persia.

Deliver'd a Pass to Sloop Rawratoon burthen Thirty tonn Codju Syrang bound 26
to Pegu.

Yesterday Ship Saram Thomas Plumb Com^{r}: sail'd for Fort S^{t}: David, by whom sent a Generall Letter of the 24th: Instant, incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading of Treasure &c^{a}: laden on her amounting to Pag^{s}: 7248 : 8 : 3.

Ship Loyall Captain John Tyler Comander sail'd for Surat & Persia. ℘^{MO}: JULY

Ship Howland Capt: William Powers Com^{r}: arrived from England. 2

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1700* ——

TUESDAY [2ND]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS

THOMAS WRIGHT — MATT: EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL — JOHN MEVERELL

The Councill being duly Summond

The Comps: Pacquet ℘ Howland open'd & read.

Ship Howland being this day arrived, the Pacquet from the R^{t}: Hon^{r}: Company was open'd and found to contain as ℘ List enter'd next after this consultation: also their Generall Letters dated the 30th: December 1699, 20th: January & 20th: & 25th: January $\frac{1699}{700}$ all read.

Treasure &ca: ℘ Howland to be unloaden.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper unlade the Treasure &c^{a}: Goods on Ship Howland with all expedition.

The Silver to be deliver'd Mr: Jno: Affleck &ca: in persuance of a former Agreemeet.

Order'd that the Silver be deliver'd M^{r}: Affleck &c^{a}: Merchants according to Agreement in Consultation dated the 10th: June last.

Men Discharg'd the Gunroom.

Joseph Antonio on the 25th: June and Mathius Estrail this day are Discharg'd the Gunroom.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE COMPANYS PACQUET TO THE FORT BY THE SHIP HOWLAND.

N°:

1. Companys Generall to the Fort dated the 30th: day of December 1699.
2. Copy of the Companys Generall to the Fort dated 21st: November 1699, sent by the King William.
3. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Generall to Fort S^{t}: Davids, dated the 21st: November 1699, to be forwarded thither, sent under a flying seal for your perusall & takeing copy of.
4. Invoice of the Howland.
5. Bill Lading of the said Ship.
6. Charterparty of ditto.
7. Copy of the Kings Comission for takeing Pirats.
8. Auditor Generalls Letter dat: the 19th: day of Dec^{r}: 1699.
9. S^{t}: Helena Generall dated the 20th: day of Dec^{r}: 1699, to be forwarded thither by the first good conveyance.
10. Copy of the Companys Generall to President Pitt dated 21st: November 1699.
11. A List of Bills of Exchange drawn on y^{e}: Presid^{t}: & Councill.

4 Ship Fortune James Lock saild for Bengall.
5 Ship Noss Senhora Rosairo Anthony Norangy Master sail'd for Manilha.
7 Ship Prince Charles Fredrick Bloom Comand^{r}: saild for China.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1700* ——

MONDAY 8

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMS: MARSHALL

The Councill being duly Sumon'd

MESSRS: ELLIS & MEVERELL *Indispos'd*

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison. Pags: 1000, Order'd the Paymr: for Garrison Charges.

Whereas in the 11th: Parag: of the Rt: H: Comps: Letter dated 21st: November 1699, they severely censure Mr: Braddyll for the reasons therein mention'd, and leaveing it to us, either by a temporary or Totall suspention to act what seems most expedient. It is therefore order'd that the Secretary shew him the clause & report his answer, he not attending last Consultation nor this day. Mr: Braddyll blam'd by ye: Compa: His suspention or Dismission left to this place.

Whereas there are seven chests & upwards of Ingott Silver, It is Order'd that the Warehousekeeper deliver it into the Mint to be coin'd into Rupees with all speed. Silver to be coin'd into Rupees.

Doud Cawn having wrote the Governour to buy him some Liquors, and supposeing his Interest may be of advantage to the Company in these parts, It is Ordered that six Dozen of french Brandy, six Cases of Spirits and two Chests of Syrash be provided, and the Paymaster to pay for the same. Doud Cawn writing for Liquors, a supply is order'd him.

Order'd that the following Bills be paid when Demanded & Due, being drawn on us by the Rt: Honr: Company as advis'd in their Letter dated the 30th: December 1699 Vizt: Severall bills of Exchange from the Compa: order'd to be paid.

One dated 14th: Decr: 1699, payable to Henry Whistler Esqr: or Order for Eleven hundred Pags.

One dat: 18th: Decr: 1699, payable to Mr: Jno: Bull or Order for Eleven hundred eleven Pagodas & four fanams.

One dat: 18th: Decr: 1699, payable to Mr: Jno: Bull or Order for Two hundred seventy five Pags: Twenty two fanams & Two Cash.

One dat: 18th: Decr: 1699, payable to Mr: Ozmond De Beauvoir and in case of Mortality to Mr: Daniel Chardin & Jno: Meverell or either of them for Two thousand two hundred Sixty Six Pagodas & Twenty four fanams.

One dat: 19th: Decr: 1699, payable to Mr: Ozmond De Beauvoir for Twelve hundred fifty nine Pagodas and nine fanam's.

One dat: 21st: Decr: 1699, payable to Mr: Ozmond De Beauvoir for Two hundred fifty one Pagoda's, Thirty fanams & four Cash.

One dat: 19th: Decr: 1699, payable to Mr: Abrah: Houblon or Order for Two hundred-twenty two Pagoda's.

One dat: 20th: Decr: 1699, payable to Mr: Edward Bulkley or Order for One hundred twenty five Pagoda's.

One dat: 29th: Decr: 1699 payable to Mr: Benjamin Bridger or in his absence to Mr: Gulston Addison for Thirteen hundred twenty one Pagoda's and four fanams.

One dat: 30th: Decr: 1699 payable to Gulston Addison or order for Eight hundred and Eighty Pagoda's.

Generall Letters to Bengall and Vizagapatm: of this date read and approved. Letters sent, read.

It is resolved that Ship Rubie in her way to Bengall be Ordered to call a Vizagapatam, and that Ten thousand Pagoda's be sent by her for that Place, to put them in a forwardness with their Investment against the Howlands arrival. Ship Rubie to call at Vizagapm: for delivery of Treasure.

[8TH]

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Edwd: Rawdon late Essaymr: to deliver up the Mint Utensills to persons appointed by the Compa: Essay-masters.

Orderd that Mr: Edward Rawdon who was Entertain'd Essaymaster in the room of Mr: Stone be Discharg'd, and that he do deliver all the Mint Utensills in his possession, to Messrs: John and ffrancis Cook, appointed by the Rt: Honr: Company for that Employ.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TUESDAY 9TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT MATT: EMPSON
THOMs: MARSHALL
The Councill being duly Sumond
MESSRS: ELLIS & MEVERELL *Indispos'd*

Sea Custom Accots: for May mo: read &

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer read his Accots: for the month May, particulars Vizt:

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month	Pa:	4119:	9:	5
To Custom on Grain	„	374:	5:	1
To Anchorage	„	54:	—:	—
	Pags:	4,547:	15:	0

Pays 2000 Pags: into Cash on that Accot:

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Two thousand Pagoda's on that Account.

Mint Accot: for May mo: read &

The President read his Mint Accot: for the month May last, particulars Vizt:

Pags. 266: 16 pd: into Cash on that accot: also Pags: 103 on Accot: of the black town Wall.

To Custom on Gold coin'd in ye: Mint Pa: 266: 16: [O] which being the Ballance of that month, is now paid into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash, and the President likewise pays One hundred and three Pagoda's on Accot: of the Black Town Wall.

The Tobacco farmers pays into Cash 350 pags: on that accot:

Vencatee Kisna &ca: late Tobacco farmers pays into the Rt: Honr: Comps: cash Three hundred & fifty Pagoda's on that Account.

Paymasters accot: for May mo: read

Mr: Matthew Empson read his Paymrs: Accounts for the month May last, ℘ticulars Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pa:	1017:	22
Diet	„	295:	—
Charges Generall	„	306:	22
Cattle	„	14:	26
Factors Provisions	„	124:	35
Charges Extraordinary	„	7:	10
West Coast	„	110:	—
Fortifications & Repairs	„	47:	25
	Pags:	1923:	32

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1700*—— [9TH]

In persuance of yesterdays Consultation, the Secretary accordingly attended on Mr: Braddyll, who reports, that after perusall of the Entry in Consultation, return'd for answer, he had nothing to do with it, and was suddainly design'd for England. Upon which, It is resolved in persuance of the 11th: Parag: of the Companys General Letter dated the 21st: Novr: 1699 that Mr: Roger Braddyll be Dismised their Service, adjusting all accots: of ye: warehouse and deliver over the charge to Mr: Thomas Wright, who at the end of this month is to deliver the charge of the Sea Custom house to Mr: Matthew Empson, and that then Mr: Empson deliver the Paymasters Employ to Mr: Thomas Marshall.

Mr: Braddyil dismis'd the Camps: Service.

Warehouse-keeper, Sea—Custumer & Paymaster appointed

The Warehousekeeper is Ordered to Lade on board Ship Howland Twenty four Ton of Redwood and Sixty four Ton of Salt-petre, the proportion mention'd in said ships Charterparty.

Ship Howland's Charterparty of Redwood and Saltpetre to be Laden.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

The two preceeding Consultations were sent to Messrs: Ellis and Meverell for perusall, indisposition hindring their attendance, which were also approv'd by them. 10

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 11

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMs: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: ELLIS *Indispos'd*

Mr: John Meverell read his Land Custom Accots: for the month May last, particulars Vizt:

Land Custom Accts: for May mo: read &

Choultry Custom	Pa:	590	11	65
Trivlecane Custom	,,	—	3	40
Rubie Brokers	,,	100	35	15
Cloth Brokers	,,	13	13	40
Grass Cutters	,,	12	—	—
Town Rents	,,	8	14	48
Registring Slaves	,,	—	24	—
	Pags:	725	30	48

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Seven hundred & Eighteen Pagoda's on that account.

Pags: 718 paid into Cash on accot: Land Customs.

The President read his Accot: of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the month June last, the Ballance being Pags: 13383: 25: 5 and Charles Bugden Secretary read his Accot: Fees for Passes for ditto month amot: to Seventeen Pagodas, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 12: 24 their part.

Generall Letter to Fort St: David of yesterdays date, read and sign'd.

Comps: Accot: Cash for June Mo: and the Secretary's Accot: Fees both read. Letter to Fort St: David read.

The Warehousekeeper is Order'd to buy up Two hundred Candy Red-wood at the cheapest rate he can, for a Store.

A Store of Redwood to to be bought.

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[11TH] Pags: 55000 paid into Cash for Silver &ca: sold. Money to be deliverd: the Warehousekeeper for Metchlepm: The Settlement of Metchlepm: & Madapollam discours'd on.

Mr: Roger Braddyll late warehousekeeper (by his Conicopley) pays into the Rt: H: Comps: cash Fifty five thousand Pagoda's on Accot: Silver and Goods sold.

Order'd that the President deliver the Warehousekeeper Twentyfive thousand Pags: to be in readiness for Metchlepatam.

Discours'd on the Companys Affairs to be Settled at Metchlepatam & Maddapollam and the further resolution defer'd till tomorrow.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

11 Last night Mr: James Eustace factor deceas'd having lain 10 or 12 daies with a violent feavor and bloody flux, and this evening was interred.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort St: David of Yesterdays date, incloseing other papers as ℘ List.

12 Ship Rubie Zachariah Stilgo Master Sail'd for Vizagapatam and Bengall, by which sent Generall Letter dated 8th: Instant to the Cheif &ca: of the former place, with Invoice and Bill Lading for Ten thousand Pagoda's, and Generall Letter of ditto date to the President &ca: Councill of Bengall, incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for Sundrys Amot: to Pags: 1834: 17: [3] with other papers as ℘ List.

FRIDAY 12

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

	THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON	THOMS: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL	JOHN FOQUETT

MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Mr: John Foquett chosen of Councill of this place.

There being a Vacancy by Mr: Braddylls late Dismision, and the Rt: Honble Compa: having in the 8th Parag: of their Letter dated 20th: Decr: 1699 recommended Mr: John Foquet. Wherefore 'tis resolved he be Sixth and last of Councill of this place, so being sent for, hee took his place accordingly.

The Settlement of the Co'ern: factorys agreed on.

Whereas it has been often debated in this Councill (as by the foregoing Consultations appears) the Settlement of the Rt: Honr: Comps: ffactorys at Metchlepatam and Madapollam, they having in severall of their General Letters to this place, possitively order'd us to send'em what Goods procureable and those parts afford, which having hitherto endeavour'd, by sending Messrs: Lovell and Woolston, who acted by Comission and made Investments to a considerable amot: In the management of which, wee have not only reason to suspect their Integrity, but are likewise jealous, that they have betrayed the Interest and honour of our Masters, in truckling and submitting to the Insults of Sr: William Norris and Mr: John Pitt the new Companys Ambassador and Consull, they pretending, that wee are not to correspond with the Government to preserve our Masters Privileges, which hath been purchased by them at vast Expence, and which wee esteem the most valuable part of their Estate.

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The Ambassador has not only presum'd to command Mr: Lovell by papers under his hand, to Desist from makeing applycation to the Government for the preserveing our Privileges, but threatned him with Irons, if he should attempt the same as ℘ his Affidavit of this Date.

Wherefore for the foregoing reasons, and in persuance to our Masters Orders to make them Investments in those parts, we resolved to settle a Cheif and Councill in each place, and make our ffactorys as formidable as possible in order to preserve our Masters Intrest and to protect the persons of their servants from any injustices that shall be attempted to be done to them by the new Companys servants resideing in those parts, and the persons Elected by us for the management of this Affair are Vizt:

For Metchlepatam—

MR: JOHN FOQUETT CHEIF.
MR: JOSEPH HILLER SECOND.
MR: THOMS: FAUCETT 3D: & DOCTOR.
MR: JOHN ROWLAND 4TH: & LAST OF COUNCILL.

For Madapollam—

MR: STEPHEN FREWEN CHEIF & SECOND OF METCHLEPATAM.
MR: EDMUND BUGDEN SECOND.
MR: JEREMIAH HARRISON THIRD.

Mr: Jeremiah Harrison being an ingenious and industrous man, wee have entertain'd him a ffactor in the Rt: Honble: Comps: Service for five years, he signing the usual Bonds, and have order'd him to write to his friends in England to give the usual security, provided the Company approves of him.

Jeremiah Harrison entertain'd a Factor.

'Tis Order'd that the foregoing persons provide themselves for their takeing their Passage on Ship Howland, who is to be Dispatch'd with all speed; and that the Warehousekeeper and Paymaster provides the Presents &ca: Necessarys as agreed on by List enter'd next after this Consultation.

The persons for Settlems: of the Northern Factorys to get ready for Embarqueing themselves.

And considering the new Company hath a great many people in those parts, who there as well as in all other places, have stuck at nothing whereby they could prejudice our Masters, either in their Estate or their reputation, wee think it necessary and resolve the same, to send Twenty four Soldiers, with a Lieutenant, Serjant and Corporall to be at the Command of the Cheif and Councill of Metchlepatam.

And whereas Kittee Narrain, who has been an ancient servant of the Companys not only in this place, but likewise in Metchlepatam and those parts, and have been always ready to go upon any Expedition in the Comps: Service, and at this time wee being assured his going to Metchlepatam will very much facilitate the many Difficultys wee may meet with there, wee now sent for him, who readily accepted of the Service, giveing us all possible assureances of his Integrity and Diligence, for which as a mark of the Rt: Honble: Companys favour, wee have at his request Granted him a Cowle for Exempting him from paying the Pedde Naigue and Pagoda Duty, dureing the Life of himself and his son Timapah (as ℘ the form enter'd after this Consultation) and order that the Paymaster pay him One hundred Pagodas for defraying his Charges, whereof he is to give an Accot: at his return.

Kittee Narrain to proceed to the Northard being acquainted with those parts & for his good services to ye: Compa: is exempted paying the Pedde Naigue & Pags: Duty, as by a Cowle granted him.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL

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[12TH] —— FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1700 ——

PRESENTS AND NECESSARYS FOR METCHLEP^M : AND MADDAPOLLAM VIZ^T :

Gold Chains to the Value of Four hundred Pagoda's.
Corrall beads Large, Two hundred Pagoda's.

Sword blades	...	20
Rosewater	...	4 Chests
Looking Glasses severall sizes	...	30
Ditto small	...	40
Knives	...	100
Spirits	...	10 Cases
Hubble-bubbles flintware	...	30
Basons & Ewers	...	20
Rosewater bottles	...	30 Ps :
Rarities of flint ware	...	20 lbs :
Perpetuanoes red, fine and course	...	20 Ps :
Crimson fine	...	4
China Silk	...	6
Spectacles	...	2 Doz.
Hour Glasses	...	4
Standards and fflag—staffs with rigging	...	2

NECESSARY'S AND PROVISIONS.

Plate for the ffactory.

Beetle box	...	1
Rosewater bottles	...	2
Pigdans	...	2
Plates	...	6
Spoons	...	6
Palankeen and furniture		
Wax	...	10 Md :
Clarret	...	1 Chest
Canary	...	1 do :
Syrash	...	4 do :
Arrac	...	1 hhd :
Sugar	...	2 bales
English beer	...	2 hhds :
Cheeses	...	2
Persia fruit of each sort	...	1 Md :
Table Necessarys		
Factors Provisions		
The Comps: Seal for Maddapollam		
For Metchlepatam Vizt:		
Paper large book	...	4 Quire
Second Sort	...	4
Third do :	...	6
Small do :	...	[1]
Quills	...	200
Sealing wax	...	12 sticks

The like quantity of Factors Provisions for Maddapollam.

A COWLE GIVEN BY THOMAS PITT ESQ^R : GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T : GEORGE &C^A : COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T : HON^BLE : EAST INDIA COMPANY TO KITTEE NARRAIN.

Wee takeing into our Considerations the many good Services formerly done by Kittee Narrain for the R^t : Honble : Company, and his readiness at our desire to proceed at this time to Metchlepatam and Maddapollam to give his assistance in settleing their affairs there, for which he desires no other gratification then to be excused from paying any other Duty more than the five ℔ Cent custom as the

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Armenians and Portuguez are. Wee therefore for the reasons before mention'd, do exempt the said Kittee Narrain and his son Timapah dureing their two Lives, from paying otherwise than before mention'd, and Order that no more custom be collected of them, than five Cent. Given under our hands and the seal of the Rt: H: Compa: this 12th: day of July Ano: Dom: 1700.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THO: MARSHALL.
JNO: MEVERELL.
JOHN FOQUETT.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 16TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON — THOMAS: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MESSRS: ELLIS and FOQUETT *indispos'd*

Mr: Roger Braddyll late warehousekeeper (by his conicopley) pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Fourteen thousand Pagodas on account Silver sold, and Mr: Thomas Wright pays One thousand Pagodas on Accot: Sea—Custom's.

Pags: 14000 paid into Cash for Goods sold, Out of ye: Warehouse & Pags: 1000 on Acct: Sea—customs.

Order'd that one thousand Pagoda's be paid Mr: Matthew Empson Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Pags: 1000 order'd the Paymaster for defraying Garrison Charges.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

The President received a Letter from the Dep: Governour of Fort St: David, adviseing the arrival of Ship Colchester there from England on the 14th: Instant, and that the old Company were incorporated upon their subscription of £ 315000 with the new Company, and that by Act of Parliament. 17

Sloop Quintus John Bantam Master saild for Tringombar. 18

Ship Anna Capt: William Bridges Comander arrived from England, and the Govr: & Councill being present at the opening the Pacquet, the same was read and found to contain as ℘ List Vizt:

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LIST OF THE COMP^s : PACQUET TO FORT S^T: GEORGE BY THE ANNA.

N°:

1. Comp^s: Genl: to the Fort dated the 6th: March 1699.
2. Copy of the Comp^s: Generall to d°: Dated 20th: Dec^r: 1699.
3. Copy of the Comp^s: Genl: to d°: dat: 5th: Jan^ry: 1699.
4. Copy of the Secretarys Letter to d°: dat: 20th: & 25th: d°: January 1699.
5. List of Utensills for the Coinage at Fort S^t: George.
6. Auditor Generalls Letter to Fort S^t: George dated 19th: December 1699.
7. Copy of the Comp^s: Genl: to Fort S^t: Davids dated 21st: November 99 to be forwarded thither.
8. Copy of the Bill for continuing the Company a Corporation.
9. Copy of the Bill for the more Effectuall Employment of the Poor, being a Bill for prohibiting the wear of wrought Silks Bengalls & stuffs mixed, with Herba or Silk of the Manufacture of Persia China or East India & all Calicoes painted, dyed, printed or stained there.

20TH

Ship Colchester Capt: Benjamin Rous Com^r: arrived from England, and having touch'd at Fort S^t: David brought Generall Letter from the Dep: Governour &c^a: Councill dated 17th: Instant, with Invoice & Bill Lading for Twenty five bales Calicoes amount to Pag^s: 1550: 7: 3.

SATURDAY d°:

ATT A CONSULTATION *Extraord^y*:

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOM^s: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MESS^RS: ELLIS, EMPSON & FOQUETT *Sick*

Pag: 6387: 13: 60 paid into Cash for Silver Sold.

M^r: Roger Braddyll late warehousekeep^r: (by his Conicopley) pays into the R^t: Hon^r: Comp^s: cash Six thousand three hundred eighty seven Pagoda's 13 fan^s: 60 ca: Acco^t: Silver Sold.

Comander of Ship Anna delivers a paper complaining of Soldiers being mutinous.

Cap: William Bridges Comander of Ship Anna presenting a Paper (as enter'd after this consultation) to the Govern^r: and Councill setting forth some disturbances he had on board with some of the souldiers and sailors, which tending to Mutiny; and being advised that the Comp^s: souldiers are very full of the scurvey and sickley, It is resolved that the Paymaster send for the souldiers ashore in order to Examine into the matter of this complaint and to refresh those that are sick.

The Presses for coinage to be brought ashore.

Order'd that one of the Essaymasters go on board the Anna with the copy of the Invoice of the Presses for Coinage, in order to bring them ashore.

Ship Anna to stay in the road no longer than for y^e: refreshm^t: of her men.

Resolved that Capt: Bridges be advis'd the Companys Orders for his staying no longer in the road then the delivery of the Presses, and for takeing in of water and refreshing of his men, being much down with the scurvey.

Pacquet from England ℘ Colchester open'd.

The Companys Pacquet ℘ Ship Colchester being open'd was read and found to contain Viz^t:

Comp^s: Genl: to Fort S^t: George dat: 23^d: Feb^ry: $\frac{699}{700}$.
Copy Ditto dated 5th: January $\frac{1699}{700}$.
Copy of the Bill for continuing the Comp^a: a Corporation.

Calicoes 25 bales ℘ sd: Ship from Fort S^t: David to be unladen.

Said Ship touching at Fort S^t: David brought Generall Letter from the Dep: Govern^r: &c^a: Councill dated the 17th: Instant which was read, and adviseing

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their having put on board Twenty five bales calicoes &c^{a}: for this place, The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade the same.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Hon^{d}: S^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill.

In, or about the 13th: of July 1700 one of my Sea-men Richard Cook comitting a Misdeameanour, by Knocking down one Lovelace Green Midsp: had rais'd a bump on his forehead as big as an Egg and in some other parts of his Body: upon which I order'd the said Richard Cook to be seiz'd to the Gangway; One Lewis a souldier who then standing by this Cook and seeing his hand seiz'd, swore God dam him he wo^{d}: cut him loose and Imediately before my face did so, thô: I desired him not to concern himself in any such cases, with this, I order'd him to be seiz'd on the other side, in which time of standing there till the Irons and hand Cuffs were ready, he abus'd me very grosely, cal'd me villain and dam him desired but one minute time and he wo^{d}: do my business. These abuses were heard before the face of my Officers and Sea-men. After having secur'd them both, I order'd one of my Sea-men whose name is Nathl: Bearor to take hold of them, to help them down on the Deck and he refus'd my comand and would not touch them, on which I order'd him to be seiz'd to the Gangway, intending to have him drub'd, but he not being very well, I remitted doing of, but in the time of his standing, it was heard spoke by one Gardner a Seaman, should say that if I had him drub'd, I should Drub all of them: this being heard by M^{r}: John Robinson, I had an account given me by my Boats: and Carpenter, that some of my Seamen when night came on, sett the Prisoners at liberty, and that I must have a care of further mischeif, for there was Souldiers and Seamen concern'd to sett them loose, upon which I was forced to secure my Gunroom and Steeridge. I took off their hand cuffs that very evening, and that very night broke their Irons from their Leggs and hove them overboard: about midnight my Cheif mate told me of it, so I secured them again. My humble request to your hon^{r}: for the safety of the Honble: Companys Treasure, as also for the safety of the ship in severall accidents that this Lewis the souldier may not remain any longer on board, for who knows but in my going down to the Bay, but I may meet a Pirat, and such a fellow as this which sticks at nothing but ready for all mischeif when the first oppertunity will permit is of ill consequence. I am

The Comander of Ship Anns paper of complaint about a Mutiny he is apprehensive.

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: most hum^{ble}: Servt:
to Comand
W^{m}: BRIDGES.

Anna Madrass Road
July the 18th: 1700.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 22D

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM^{s} MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MESS^{RS}: ELLIS AND FOQUETT *indispos'd*

The Comander of Ship Howland wanting Fifty five Tonn Saltpetre more then Charterparty proportion as ℘ his request (Enter'd next after this Consultation) It is order'd that the same be Laden on board.

Saltpetre 55 Ton Laden on Ship Howland more than charterparty.

[22ND] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1700*——

Pag^s : 500 paid into Cash by the Arrac farmers. Wm : Lewis the Soldier who caus'd the disturbance on board the Anna, examin'd.

Peter de Pomera &c^a : Arrac farmers pays into the R^t : Honble : Comp^s : cash Five hundred Pagoda's on that Account for two months ending the 14th : May last.

William Lewis was this day brought before us, being the Souldier Capt^t : Bridges complain'd of, who being Examin'd as also severall persons belonging to the Ship it appear'd, that hee behav'd himself very Mutinous and turbulent on board, as also that he gave very insolent Language to the Captain, for which wee have sent him to Prison, intending to make an Example of him for the same, to deter others from doing the like.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON^BLE : THOMAS PITT, ESQ^R :
PRESIDENT &C^A : COUNCILL

S^rs :

The Com^r. of Ship Howlands request for 55 Ton Saltpetre more than Charter-party.

Having taken in my proportion of Saltpetre allow'd by Charterparty, and finding my Ship want Fifty five Tonn more to make her sail-worthy, I desire that quantity may be spared upon the term's according to Charterparty.

S^rs :
Yo^r : Most humb : Servt :
W^M : PROWER.

FORT S^T : GEORGE. 22^D : JULY 1700.

THURSDAY 25TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOM^S : MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL JOHN FOQUETT
MESS^RS : ELLIS & EMPSON *indispos'd*

Paper to be bought by the Paymaster.

There being want of Factors Provisions for the use of this and the Supply of the Subordinate ffactorys, The Paymaster is Order'd to pay for Thirty Seven Rheam paper of Sev^l : Sizes amount to Ninety Pagoda's.

Two Pirats from Fort S^t : David to be kept in the Marshalls custody.

The Dep : Govern^r : and Councill of Fort S^t : David having by Ship Colchester, sent two men said to be Pirats, Order'd that they be bro^t : ashore and put in the Marshalls custody.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

26 Sloop Chintadry Mussa Nina Noqueda saild for Arraccan.

SATURDAY 27

ATT A CONSULTATION *Extraordy* :

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOM^S : MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
The Councill being duly summond
MESS^RS : ELLIS & EMPSON *sick*

Pag^s : 72 : 11 paid into Cash on acco^t : Court fees.

M^r : Henry Dobyns Register produces an Acc^t : Fees of the Court of Admiralty comenceing the 5th : August 1699 to this day, Amount to Pag^s : 72 : 11 which he now pays into the R^t : Honble : Comp^s : cash.

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Instructions to Mr: John Foquett Cheif of Metchlepatam, Mr: Stephen Frewen Cheif of Maddapollam and the Councills to both places, proceeding ℘ Ship Howland. Genl: Letter to Mr: Samuel Woolston, to the Cheif &ca: Councill at Vizagapatam, and the Presidts: Letters to the Governours of Metchlepatam & Maddapollam all of this date, read and approv'd.

Instructions for the management of the Comps: Affairs at the Northern factorys &ca: papers read.

Order'd that Pags: One hundred be paid the President, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep: Govr: &ca: Councill at Fort St: David dated the 9th: Instant.

Bill of Exchange from Fort St: David, order'd to be paid.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 29TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOMS: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL JOHN FOQUETT
MR: ELLIS AND MR: EMPSON *sick*

Mr: John Foquett produces his Accots: of the Quitt Rents & Scavengers Duty to this day, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys cash Six hundred Eighty three Pagodas & 23 fanams on Accot: Quit Rents; and delivers the Account and pays the Ballance of the Scavengers Duty to Mr: Francis Bett being Pags: 186: 35: 0.

Quit Rent & Scavengers Accots: to this day produced. Pags: 683: 23 pd: into Cash on Accot: Quit Rents. Both accots: deliver'd over to Mr: Bett.

General Letter to Bengall of yesterdays date, Dispatches to Ships Anna and Colchester bound for Bengall, and Howland for Metchlepatam all read, approv'd & signed.

Letter to Bengall & Dispatches to Ships Anna & Colchester all sign'd.

Order'd that Pags: 683: 23 be paid Mr: Matt: Empson Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Pags: 683: 23 order'd the Paymr: for Garrison expences.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

30TH

Ship King William Capt: John Braddyll arriv'd from England, and touching at the Mauritius, found there Ship Scepter Capt: Phenny, who by his Letter to the President, advises that they arrived there the 10th: June last, having been 3 mo: 5 da: Dispatch'd from Bencoolen, that they were within 200 Leagues of the Cape of Goodhope, but proving Leakey and meeting with very violent storms, they bore away for the Mauritius.

This evening the Comanders of the Howland, Anna & Colchester Embarqu'd on board their respective Ships, as also Messrs: Foquett, Frewen, Hiller, Faucet, Bugden and Harrison, who all took their Passage on the Howland for Metchlepatam, being sent thither Cheifs and of Councill to that and Maddapollam ffactorys, as by the Instruction &ca: Papers deliver'd Mr: Foquett.

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TUESDAY [30TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOM^{S} : MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MESS^{RS} : ELLIS & EMPSON *indispos'd*

The Pacquet ℘ King William from England open'd.

The R^{t} : Honble : Companys Pacquet ℘ Ship King William being open'd, was found to contain as ℘ list enter'd next after this Consultat^{n} : and their General Letter dated the 21st : Nov^{r} : 1699 and General Letter from S^{r} : William Hodges & Comp^{a} : dated 11th : January last at Cadiz, read, which inclosed Invoice for thirty five chests treasure Laden on board the K William, also received Invoice for 35 chests treasure Laden on ditto Ship by Benjamin Ash &c^{a} : but no Letter of advice therewith.

The Treasure &c^{a} : ℘ K W^{m} : to be unladen.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade the Treasure by Ship K William, and 373 Pigs Lead, continuing the rest for Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{S} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

N^{o} : List of the Pacquet to Fort S^{t} : George ℘ King William.

1. Companys Generall to Fort S^{t} : George Dated the 21st : November 1699.
2. Comp^{s} : Generall to the Presid^{t} : of the same date.
3. Copy Comp^{s} : Genl : to Fort S^{t} : George dated the 15th : December & 6th : Jan^{ry} : ℘ Neptune & Scepter.
4. Invoice of the Ship King William.
5. Bill Lading of ditto Ship.
6. Copy of ditto Ships Charterparty.
7. Comp^{s} : Generall to Fort S^{t} : Davids Dated 21st : Nov^{r} : 1699, sent under a flying seal for your peruseall and takeing copy.
8. Copy of the Kings Comission for takeing Pirats.
9. Comp^{s} : Generall to the Fort sent open to Cadiz, wherein Invoice & Bill of Lading is to be inclosed for £. 70000 in Bullion.

WEDNESDAY 31ST

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTH : EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
M^{R} : ELLIS *indispos'd*

The King William in her way to Bengall to call at the Northern factorys to Deliver Treasure &c^{a} :

Wee resolveing to Dispatch Ship K. William for Bengall with all expedition, It's resolved that in her Passage she call at Metchlepatam & Vizagapatam, delivering 150 Piggs Lead & Ten thousand Pagodas at the former Place, & 150 piggs Lead with Twenty thousand Rupees at the latter.

What Money order'd for the Northern factorys.

Order'd that the President delivers the Warehousekeeper Ten thousand Pagoda's to send to Metchlepatam by Ship King William and that he also send Twenty thousand Rupees for Vizagapatam.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1700*—— [31st]

Mr: Roger Braddyll late Warehousekeeper (by his Conicopley) pays into the Rt: Honr: Comps: Cash Six thousand Pagoda's on accot: Silver sold, and Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper Six thousand Pagoda's on the like account.

Pags: 12,000 paid into Cash for Silver sold.

Whereas wee formerly Order'd the Deputy Governr: &ca: Councill at Fort St: David to make an Investment for Thirty thousand Pagoda's, It's agreed upon the arrival of Ship K. William, that wee write them to double their Contract, and they to advise, whether the sending Dollars or Pagodas is most for the Comps: advantage.

The Fort St: David Investment to be doubled upon the arrivall of Ship King William.

Order'd that Philip Cane be entertain'd a souldier in this Garrison.

A soldier entertain'd.

Order'd that the Gunner mounts Guns in the room of those sold and sent out of the Garrison, and the Storekeeper to deliver Car[t]ridges for this purpose, and if not sufficient ready, that he provides them.

To Mount Guns in the room of those sold & sent out of the Garrison.

Mr: Thomas Wright Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honr: Comps: cash Two thousand Pags: on that account.

Pags: 2000 paid into Cash on accot: Sea—Customs.

The Secretary is order'd to give notice to such persons who hath money at Interest in the Rt: Honr: Comps: cash, to bring their Bonds, that they may be forthwith Discharg'd.

Bills at Interest to be paid off.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

AUGUST ℔ mo:

Dispatch'd General Letter to Fort St: David of this date.

Ship Merah Madud, Meera Noqueda arrived from Ramnadah Perum.

Received the following Genl: Letters ℔ Pattamars:

from Vizagapatam dated 24th: June 1700 with their Accot: Cash for the month of May last:

from Mr: Samuel Woolston at Metchlepm: dated 12th: July last:

from ffort St: David dated the 31st: July last, and all papers therein mention'd.

MONDAY 5TH

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: ELLIS *Sick*

The President read his Accot: of the Rt: Honble: Companys cash for the month July last, the Ballance being Pags: 70693 : 18 : 3.

The Comps: Accot: Cash for July month, read.

General Letters from Vizagapatam dated the 24th: June last, from Mr: Samuel Woolston at Metchlepatam dated the 12th: July last and from Fort St: David dated the 31st: July last, all read. Amongst which papers was received from Metchlepatam, Copy of a Letter from Mr: Woolston to Mr: Lovell (as enter'd next after this Consultn:) who being sent for and show'd it, was demanded the Nabobs Letter to the Governour, but he possitively deny'd that he ever receiv'd such a Letter from Mr: Woolston or the inclosed mention'd therein for the Governour.

Letters received read.

A demand made of ye: Nabobs Letter to the Govr: sent by Woolston to Lovell from Metchlepatam; but the latter denys his having redd: any such.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700*———

[51st] The chief & ca : at Metchlepm : to enquire about it.

Order'd that a copy of the Letter be sent Mr : Foquett &ca : at Metchlepatam, and they to make a Strict Scrutiny into the matter and to report the same to the President & Councill.

Two bills Exchange from Fort St : David amot: to 10,000 Pags : order'd to be paid.

Order'd that Pags : 6,666 : 24 be paid Boss Chittee, being for one Bill of Exchange and Pags : 3,333 : 12 to Videe Chittee being for one other Bill both dated the 29th : July last drawn by the Dep : Governr : &ca : Councill for Fort St : David.

Sea Custom Accots : for June mo : read.

Mr : Thomas Wright late Sea Customer read his Accot : Sea Custom for the month June last, ℘ticulars Vizt :

To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported this month	Pa :	3,171 : 35 : 3
To Custom on Grain	„	174 : 2 : —
To Anchorage	„	30 : 18 : —
To Tonnage	„	100 : — : —
	Pags :	3,476 : 19 : 9

Pags : 1,000 order'd for Garrison expences.

Order'd that One thousand Pagoda's be paid Mr : Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Storekeepers Accot : for May & June read & pags : 1,000 paid into Cash for Stores sold.

Mr : Francis Bett Provl : Storekeeper read his Accots : for the months of May and June last, and pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash One thousand Pagoda's on Accot : stores sold.

Silver to be sold at 16¾ Dollars for Ten Pags : & 350 Rups : for 100 pags : one chest of Dollars to be coin'd into fanams.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to sell silver at the rate of 16¾ weighty Dollars for Ten Pags : and Three hundred and fifty Rupees for One hundred Pagodas, and to deliver one Chest of Dollars into the Mint to be coin'd into fanam's

Tho : Pitt.
Tho : Wright.
M : Empson.
Thoms : Marshall.
John Meverell.

Mr : Lovell

Woolston at Metchlepatam to Lovell in Fort St : George.

Sr :

I writt you three days ago, and sent our Books directed to You as I advis'd his Honr: &ca : in our Generall ; and this serves only to accompany the inclosed Letter from Mide Cawn Beague, in answer to that you sent, which pray deliver to the Governour, and I hope you will not be unmindfull of letting me hear from you on all occasions. I am

Metchlepatam the
10th : february 1699/700

Yor : humble : Servant,
Saml : Woolston.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700 ——

ATT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY 6TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMS: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Mr: Thomas Wright late Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honr: Comps: cash One thousand Pags: on that account.

Pags: 1,000 paid into Cash on Accot: Sea Customs.

There being a small ship bound to the West Coast, It is order'd that the Warehousekeeper Lade on board thirty Bales of Long Cloth marked Y for that place.

Long Cloth 30 bales order'd for the Wt: Coast.

The Duan designing tomorrow for Arcott, and having given no disturbance to Madrass dureing his stay at St: Thoma, nor no Present made him by us, It's agreed the following be now sent by the Mullah.

A small present to be given the Duan. The particulars.

Crimson	10 yds :	Pags : 15 : — : —
Green	10 „	„ 15 : — : —
Yellow	10 „	„ 15 : — : —
Sword blades	2 ps :	„ 4 : — : —
Syrash Wine	2 Chests	„ 24 : — : —
Hubble bubbles	4	
Rosewater bottles	4 : 8½ lb. at P. 1¼ ℘ lb.	„ 10 : 22 : 40
To be given among the Duans Servts : 10 Rups :		

Wee have often had it under our consideration the makeing of a new Contract to provide good Cargo's for the January Ships, and in order thereunto, wee have taken a view and made a calculate of all the Calicoes unbal'd and those in the washers hands, and find that the present Joint Stock Merchants Serapah &ca: are in Arrears to the Rt: Honble: Company (Custom & Dustore included) Twenty thousand Pags: which makes us inclinable to accept proposeals from any other Merchants, that wee shall think more capable of carrying on the Rt: Honble: Comps: business and to perform their Contracts.

Considerations of a new Investment to be made either by the present Merchts: or any others.

Timapa this day (who was formerly Cheif Merchant) presented a Petition to us, desireing to be Entertain'd as Cheif Merchant, promiseing us to bring in such a sett of Merchants with him as should comply with their Contracts.

Timapa offers to bring a sett of Merchts: who will undertake a Contract for the Company.

The further consideration of which is defer'd till tomorrow morning, wee resolveing to meet de die in diem to hear proposealls for the speedy makeing a new Contract, the season of the year not admitting of further delays.

Timapas proposall defer'd till tomorrow & to loose no time for the makeing a Contract.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

7TH

Dispatch'd Generall Letter of yesterdays date to the President &ca: Councill at Surat ℘ an Armenian Cossed.

Deliver'd a Printed Pass to Ship Tryall burthen 45 Tonn Richard Bush Comander, bound on a trading voyage to the West Coast of Sumatra & Batavia.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700——

Wednesday [7th]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS WRIGHT

THOMs : MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

Mr : ELLIS *indispos'd*

Ship K. Williams men to be Muster'd.

The Paymaster is order'd to Muster Ship King Williams Company and report the same.

Prepetuanoes to be sold at Pags : 6 : 18 ℘ peice.

Whereas by a former Order Perpetuanoes has been sold for five Pags : ℘ peice, and none being sent out by this years Shipping, the Warehousekeeper is now Order'd to sell at Pags : 6 : 18 ℘ peice.

The Settlement of the Comps : Servts : in this place appointed for what Emplcys Vacant.

The Settlement of persons for what places Vacant, being under consideration, It is resolved as follows Vizt :

Mr : Francis Bett Rentall Generall and Scavenger.

Mr : Vicessimus Griffith Cheif Searcher at the Sea-Gate & Justice of the Choultry.

Mr : Thomas Wigmore Judges Assistant.

Mr : Matthew Mead Justice of ye : Choultry.

Mr : Gulston Addison Sorter in ye : Godown.

Mr : John Hutchinson under Searcher &

Mr : Henry Marshall Writer at the Sea Gate.

Gunner of Queens Point & a : Mate for the inner Fort.

Order'd that George Kimball be Gunner of Queens Point in the room of Richard Lush deceas'd, and Simon Everson Gunners mate of the inner ffort in the room of George Kimball and that four Pags : ℘ mensem be paid Robt : Beesly, in consideration he serves both in the Gunroom and Cooper in this Garrison.

Three Soldiers order'd for the West Coast.

Order'd that Simon Fiquera, Pasquall Melior and Barnott Dulfury be sent Souldiers by Ship Tryall for York Fort.

Timapa discours'd about a new Contract, ten ℘ Cent abatemt : demanded : he promises his answer tomorrow.

Timapa was before us, with whom wee had much discourse concerning a new Contract. Wee demanding ten ℘Cent abatement on the last Contract, in regard that rice is cheap, which he promises to consider of and bring us his answer tomorrow, with a List of the names of the Merchants that are to be join'd with him.

A conference with the Joint Stock Merchants.

Serapa &ca : Joint Stock Merchants were call'd in, and demanded of'em the reason of their not complying with their Contract, since there was so much time elaps'd, who complain'd of their being hard sorted in the Godown and of the great loss they had in takeing off the Cloth and Lead, which fell considerably in price on their hands. 'Twas also demanded of 'em, where this money was that is in Arrear, who answer'd, that they sold great part of their Cloth and Lead for time, which was not yet paid, and that they had money standing out in the weavers hands, an Accot : whereof they will bring tomorrow ; and they gave us all immaginable assureances, that the Company shall not be prejudic'd one Pagoda by them.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOMs : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

8 Ship Merah Madud, Meera Noquedah sail'd for Bengall.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700 ——

[ATT A CONSULTATION] THURSDAY 8TH

[*Present*]

[THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR]
[MATHEW EMPSON] [THOMAS WRIGHT]
[JOHN MEVERELL] [THOMAS MARSHALL]
MR: ELLIS [*indisposed*]

Generall Letters to the Cheif and Councill of Metchlepatam, to the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam, to the President and Councill of Bengall to be sent by Ship King William & To the Dep: Governour and Councill of York Fort to be sent ℘Ship Tryall, all of yesterdays date read and approved. Letters to severall parts read.

The Paymaster reports the Muster of Ship King Williams Company to be 127 Men & Boys. Muster of Ship K. Williams men.

Timapa came before us, and told us, that he had consider'd on the abatement wee demanded on the last Contract, about which he had confer'd with his Merchants, who could not agree to any abatement. The Abatement of Ten ℘Cent on an Investment to be made by Timapa, not agreed.

Hee also deliver'd us in a List of what Merchts: was to join with him in the Contract, some of them being unknown to us: wee told him [. . .] [. . .] tomorrow to inform [. . .]. Timapa delivers a List of Merchts: to be join'd with himself.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 9TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper delivers the Mintmaster the following Chests of Ingotts to be coin'd into Rupees Vizt: No: 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. Rupees to be coin'd.

Lewis de Paz lately Entertain'd a Writer in the Companys Service, having several times since the arrivall of the Europe Ships, made it his [. . .] [. . .] rg'd, for that his [. . . . .] [. . .] his Subsistances [. . .] icent to do, by reason [. . . se]cretarys office and [. . .] am: Upon which he [. . s]o much that it rende[rs . . .] Business; And he voluntarily offering his Oath of secresy (as Enter'd next after this Consultation) wee have thought fitt to Discharge him, and order that what Salary due be paid him. Lewis de Paz Writer discharg'd & why.

Upon the enquiry wee have all made of the List of Merchants deliver'd by Timapah, wee find most of them insufficient, and others that are not so, most of them strangers to the people and customs of the Country, where the cloth is made. The List of Merchts: deliver'd by Timapa for carrying on an Investmt: not approv'd.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700——

[9TH] Joint Stock Merchᵗ: delivers an Accoᵗ: of debts owing them.

Serapa &cᵃ: Joint Stock Merchants deliver'd us in an accoᵗ: of their Debts standing out in the weavers hands, and what due to them for what Broad Cloth sold, to the amount of upwards of Fifteen thousand Pagoda's.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMˢ: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Oath of Lewis de Paz.

[. . . m]ake it may request [. . .] this place, to be [. . .] service, who are not in[. . .]on I have been Employ'd [. . .] and thereby am capable [. . .] anys secrets.

[. . .] which Objection, I do here Voluntarily promise [&] swear, that I will not directly or indirectly Divulge, publish or Declare anything whatever that I have read, heard or copyed dureing the time I have been in the Secretary's Office, so help me God.

Sworn before mee
THO: PITT GOVᴿ:

LEWIS DE PAZ.

Late this night, Ship Tryall Richard Bush Comʳ: sail'd for the West Coast, by whom sent Genˡ: Letter to the Dep: Governʳ: &cᵃ: Councill of York Fort dated the 7ᵗʰ: Instant, incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for 30 bales Calicoes &cᵃ: amounting to Pagˢ: 1,404: 32: 2.

10 Dispatch'd General Letter to the Dep: Governʳ: &cᵃ: Councill at ffort Sᵗ: David of this date.

11 Ship King William saild for Metchlepatam, Vizagapatam & Bengall, by whom sent General Letters to the Cheifs &cᵃ: Councill of the two former places, and to the President &cᵃ: of Bengall all dated the 7ᵗʰ: Instant.

MONDAY 12TH

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
Mᴿ: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Hatts from England to be Sold at Outcry.

The Storekeeper is Order'd to put to Sale at Outcry, the Hatts received ℣ Ship Howland.

Doctor Bulkleys Apprentice to be allow'd 3 pagˢ: ℣ mensem.

Doctor Bulkley having requested that Charles Venall come out his Apprentice by the last Shiping, may be allow'd some consideration, It is resolved that the Paymaster pay him three Pagˢ: ℣ Mensem, Mʳ: Harrison formerly entertain'd, being lately remov'd from the Hospitall.

Three Moˢ: Town Conicoplys duty to be paid Wotta Linga.

Order'd that twenty five Pagˢ: be paid Woota Linga Town Conicopley for three months ending the ultimo July last.

John Hutchinson dischar'd the Compˢ: Service at his request.

Mʳ: John Hutchinson Writer, having by a request in writing, desired leave to lay down the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Companys Service, in order to return for England, It is resolved that the same be accordingly granted him.

Further discourse wᵗʰ: Timapa about a Contract, and his resolution contain'd in a paper enter'd after yᵉ: Consultⁿ:

Timapa was with us this day to discourse about the Contract, who told us he had conferred with his Merchants about the abatement [Wee...] not agree to more than [. . . .]ther matters relating to a [. . .] considered, which he delivered [. . .] his resolutions thereon, as [enter'd after yᵉ:] Consultation.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700*—— [12TH]

[. . .] for Serapa &c^a : Joint Stock Merchants [had] discours'd them about a new Contract, and that wee expected 10 ℘ Cent abatement upon the last, They answer'd that they could not make any, being loosers by that Contract, nevertheless wee insisted upon it, and bid 'em consider thereof against tomorrow morning, and then to bring their answer to the Governour and Councill.

The Joint Stock Merchts: are discours'd about an Investment, and their answer.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^s : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

[Tima]pa &c^a : Merch^ts. [. . .] cills, for makeing an [. . .] es for the R^t : Honble : Company [. . .] Pag^s : 1,60,000. Viz^t :

Timapa &cas: proposition for an Investmt : of 1,60,000 Pag^s :

1st : That [. . . Comp]ly with the Contract wi[thin] [. . .] time as formerly have done [in] [other] Investments.

2^d : That there shall be brought in better Cloth than what Serapa brought in, in this last contract, one ℘ Cent cheaper, and better by 2 (or) 3 ℘ Cent than his was, as the Judgem^t : of your Hon^r : shall give.

3^d : That Our Stock shall be 7,500 Pag^s : (as Serapa's was) but without takeing it out again, and shall be Employ'd with the Companys money in the country, till the contract is comply'd with.

4th : The Contract to be for Pag^s : 1,60,000 in 18 mo^ths : time at Serapa's prizes and Term's.

5th : And wee further oblige ourselves in February to bring in Goods to the amount of Pag^s : 50,000 as part of the above mentioned Contract.

ATT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY [13TH]

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
M^R : ELLIS *indispos'd*

Jemseir Cawn having wrote the Govern^r : a Letter to pay to the Kings Duan the yearly rent for this place amount to Twelve hundred Pag^s : which was due last month Resolved that the said Sum be paid to the Duan with the usuall Present, takeing his receipt for the same.

The yearly rent for this place is order'd to be paid the Duan.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper sell silver at 16⅞ weighty Dollars for Ten Pag^s : there appearing no buyers under that price.

Silver to be sold at 16⅞ Dollars for Ten Pagoda's.

Ship Mamodee being design'd for Fort S^t : David, It's agreed that the following be sent by her, as wrote for by the Dep : Govr : &c^a : Viz^t :.

Stores order'd for Fort S^t : David : the particulars.

Arms with firelocks	200	P^s :
Flints	3,000	„
Gunnys	3,000	„
Wax cloth	100	„
Twine	2	Candy
Rope	3	d^o :

Paper for their Consultations & Genl : books.

Generall [letter . . .] St. David. [. . .]

Letter to Fort S^t : David.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700*——

[13TH] After long debate wth: the Joint Stock Merch^{ts}: this day, a small progress is made with them towards a New Contract.

[The Joint-Stock mer]chants being be[fore the Honble: Councill &c^{a}:] wee had long & ted[ious debate relating] to a new Contract; wee in[sisting upon an] abatement, Rice being cheap: but [not prepared] to allow any, by reason that cotton keeps [up] it's price and the many Investments makeing by Europe nations round about us: and the small abatement offer'd by Timapa, wee think not for the Comp^{s}: interest to accept of, considering the risgo that must be run of his performance in point of time and ability, and the time of year being so far spent, wee resolve forthwith to Contract with Serapa &c^{a}: and in such manner as to prevent any future Disputes in y^{e}: Warehouse so that wee made some small progress this day and order that Serapa &c^{a}: attend us tomorrow morning.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNESDAY [14TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
M^{R}: ELLIS *indispos'd*

A further progress with the Joint Stock Merch^{ts}: towards a new Investment.

The Merchants attended this day, with whom wee made a considerable progress in the Contract, and have order'd them to attend tomorrow again.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

15 Ship Mamodee, Mahomade Ashee Noquedah sail'd for ffort S^{t}: David, by whom sent General Letter to the Dep: Govr: &c^{a}: Councill dated the 13th: Instant, incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for sundrys Laden on her amo^{t}: to Pag^{s}: 742: 31: 5.

THURSDAY 15TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
M^{R}: ELLIS *indispos'd*

An Investment for 150,000 Pag^{s}: with the Joint Stock, Merch^{ts}: finish'd.

The merchants [. . .], with whom wee finish'd the Contract for One hundred & fifty thousand Pagodas, and order that the same be Engrossed for our and their signing tomorrow, and that the warehousekeeper provide the usuall Tashereifs for them.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700—— [15TH]

[. . .] a Letter from [. . .]mander of a ffrench man [. . .] in Policherry road the [. . .] that being at Johanna, [. . .] twenty two of Ship Rubies [. . .] which [. . .] ten months past on the [. . .]nd May [ear] Johanna, but the circumstances of this accident is not mentioned, nor what sav'd of the Rack, that Capt: John Barber the Comander, all his Officers and 60 of the Ships Crew dead, that the Purser in an open Boat with six men and a woman left Johanna about 3 months past, carrying abo[ve] 2,000£ Sterling in money, that 15 of the men they have brought to Policherry, the other seve[n] (the Boatswain being one) remain'd at Johanna having a large Booty as the other inform. The President by the same conveyance also received a Letter from Capt: John Ap Rice Comr: of the Madrass frigat dated 26th: May last from the Cape, informing that they expected to sail the next day for Bencoolen, and being in Distress by the loss of two anchors in the harbour blowing at nh: Wt: were releiv'd by the ffrench ships then there, which Capt: Ap Rice attributes to the preservation of his ship.

ATT A CONSULTATION — FRIDAY [16T]

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

The [. . .] 20th: Par. of their Letter dated the 21st: November 1699, urging the putting in suit the Bond given by Messrs: Daniel Chardin and Samuel Brown, and Mr: Chardin requesting a copy thereof, the same is order'd to be deliver'd him for his answer. *(Mr: Chardin to have Copy of what the Compa: write about the Bond given by himself & Dr: Brown.)*

None offering to buy silver at 16⅞ Dollars, the warehouskeeper is order'd to sell at 17 ℘ Ten Pagodas. *(Silver to be sold at 17° Dollars ℘ Ten Pags:.)*

The Contract not being Engross'd, it is defer'd till tomorrow to be sign'd. *(The Merchts: to sign ye: Contract tomorrow.)*

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

[. . .] Martin Govr: [. . .] gratitude for the [. . .] Ships at Cape Bone [. . .] Madrass frigat [. . .].

[. . .] Generall Letter to ffort St: [. . .] instant, with second Bill [. . .] sent thither ℘ Ship Mamodee.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700*——

SATURDAY [17TH]

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
M^{R}: ELLIS *indispos'd*

The Contract wth: the Joint Stock Merch^{ts}: for 150,000 Pag^{s}: Sign'd.

This morning the Merchants attended and sign'd their Contract, which is Enter'd after this Consultation, and they were Tashereif'd according to custom and the usual complement of Guns.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

A Contract for 150,000 Pag^{s}: Calicoes.

A[n Agreement] and Contract.

Made in [Saturday the] Sixteenth day of August 1700 [between] Thomas Pitt Esqr: President &c^{a}: Councill for [. . .] R^{t}: Honble: English East India Company, and [. . .] merchants in behalf of themselves Jo[. . .] and the rest of the hundred share Merchants [vizt:] Checca Serapa, Nairo Verona, Checca Shevram, Coperte Cash, Ponagettee Narso, Cornapa Chittee, Iapa Chittee, Pedditombe Adimolum, Racca Chittee, Perpaudum Chittee.

The said Merchants do Contract that they will provide for the R^{t}: Honble: Company, the following quantities and sorts of Goods to the amount of One hundred & fifty thousand Pagodas, to be sorted by the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Servants according to the Musters now produced and agreed upon, and at the following prizes Viz^{t}:

	Cov^{ds}:	Cov^{ds}:		
Long Cloth Ordinary ...	72 Long	2¼ bro^{d}:	Peices 30000 Viz^{t}:	
	N^{o}: 1 at Pag^{s}:	34: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 2 „	32: 27:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 3 „	30: 9:		ꝑ Corge.
Long Cloth Middling ...	72 Long	2¼ bro^{d}:	Peices 3000 Viz^{t}:	
	N^{o}: 1 at Pag^{s}:	41: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 2 „	38: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 3 „	35: —:		ꝑ Corge.
Long Cloth fine ...	72 Long	2¼ bro^{d}:	Peices 7000 Viz^{t}:	
	N^{o}: 1 at Pag^{s}:	75: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 2 „	70: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 3 „	65: —:		ꝑ Corge.
Salampores fine ...	32 Long	2⅛ bro^{d}:	Peices 4000 Viz^{t}:	
	N^{o}: 1 at Pag^{s}:	29: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 2 „	27: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 3 „	25: —:		ꝑ Corge.
[. . .] ...	[2] Long	2⅛ bro^{d}:	Peices 15000 Viz^{t}:	
	N^{o}: 1 at Pag^{s}:	16: 18:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 2 „	15: 18:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 3 „	14: 18:		ꝑ Corge.
[. . .]	18 Long	2½ bro^{d}:	Peices 6000 Viz^{t}:	
	N^{o}: 1 at Pag^{s}:	36: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 2 „	32: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 3 „	28: —:		ꝑ Corge.
[. . .] Ordinary ...	20 Long	2¼ bro^{d}:	Peices 8000 Viz^{t}:	
	N^{o}: 1 at Pag^{s}:	20: —:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 2 „	18: 18:		ꝑ Corge.
	„ 3 „	17: —:		ꝑ Corge.

	Covds:	Covds:		
Succatoms fine	40 Long	2 brod: Peices 1500 Vizt:		
		Nº : 1 at Pags : 70 : — :		⅌ Corge.
		„ 2 „ 65 : — :		⅌ Corge.
		„ 3 „ 50 : — :		⅌ Corge.
Betteelas Oringall	32 Long	2 brod: Peices 6000 Vizt:		
		Nº : 1 at Pags : 70 : — :		⅌ Corge.
		„ 2 „ 65 : — :		⅌ Corge.
		„ 3 „ 60 : — :		⅌ Corge.
Betteela's	40 Long	2 brod: Peices 2000 Vizt:		
		Nº : 1 at Pags : 41 : — :		⅌ Corge.
		„ 2 „ 38 : — :		⅌ Corge.
			and none to be taken under that number.	
Betteela's	50 Long	2 brod: Peices 3000 Vizt:		
		Nº : 1 at Pags : 48 : — :		⅌ Corge.
		„ 2 „ 45 : — :		⅌ Corge.
			and none to be taken under that number.	

All which Goods are to be deliver'd, Sorted and Embaled in Fort St: George on or before the first day of September 1701, and the Merchants in case of failure, are to forfeit twenty five ⅌ Cent, Excepting only the impediments which shall unavoidably arise from war or the stops made by the Country Government. And the President & Councill in case any such stops shall be made, do promise to use their Endeavours for clear [. . .] is underst[ood] [. . .] and for said Goo[ds] ⅌ Cent and Dustore [. . .].

And w[. . .] the Dispatch and Loading of [. . .] day of Janry: next. The said M[erchants do promise] to have ready Embaled one thousand bales on or before that time.

The said President and Councill do contract & promise to Pay the said Merchants the sum of Twenty thousand Pagodas on the sealing hereof, and afterwards upon the delivery of any quantity of Cloth on this Contract, either at the Land Custom house or measureing Godown, the like value in money then to be advanc'd and paid them if required, and so continue such Payments till the whole Contract is finished.

The said Merchants do further promise & agree forthwith to compleat their last Contract, seperate & distinct from this present, in such proportion of Goods as are now due.

And the said Merchants do further agree to make a Joint Stock of Ten thousand Pagodas, and lay a Moiety of the same at signing this Contract, and the other Moiety in two months from this date. In wittness whereof the aforesaid merchants have sett their hands and the seal of their Joint Stock, and the [. . .] have sett their hands. [. . .] Rt: Honble: Company unto one [. . .] [sa]me Tenor and Date.

CHECCA SERAPA—చక్కా సరపయ.
KAICA VERONA—కాయక వీరంన్న.
CHECCA SHEVRAM—చక్కా సివరాముడు.
COPERTE CASH—కొప్పరపు కాశి.
PONAGETTEE NARSO—బూన్నగంట్టి నర్స.

Signed & Sealed in the presence of
CHA: BUGDEN SECRY:

CORNAPA CHITTEE—காரணப்ப செட்டி.
IAPA CHITTEE—அய்யப்பன்.
PEDDITOMBE ADIMOLUM—ஆதிமூலம்.
RACCA CHITTEE—ருக்கன்.
PERPAUDUM CHITTEE—பொர்பாதம்.

19th

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700*——

Received Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated the 15th: Instant, with the severall papers inclosed.

Monday do:

Att a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt President & Governour
Thomas Wright
Matthew Empson Thomas Marshall
John Meverell
Mr: Ellis *indispos'd*

Land Custom Accots: for June read & pays Pags: 672 on that accot:

Mr: John Meverell read his Land Custom Accots: for the month June last, particulars Vizt:

Choultry Custom	Pags:	516	: 20	: 20
Trivlecane Custom	„	—	: 3	: 30
		[. . .]		
[. . .]	„	[ ]7	: 20	: 55
[. . .]	„	[46]	: 16	: 9
[. . .]	„	—	: 32	: —
[. . .]	„	9	: —	: —
	Pags:	[676]	: 8	: 74

and pa[ys into the Rt: Honble: Comps:] Cash Six hundred [seventy] two [Pags:] on that account.

Pags: 8000 paid into Cash for silver sold.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Eight thousand Pagoda's on Accot: silver sold.

Fort St: David bill of Exchange order'd to be paid.

Order'd that Pags: 219: 24 be paid Mr: Roger Braddyll being for one Bill of Excha: drawn by the Dep: Governr: &ca: Councill of Fort St: David dated the 15th: Instant.

Letter from Fort St: David read.

Generall Letter from ffort St: David dated ye: 15th: Instant read.

Liquors for the Genll: table order'd to be bought.

Order'd that Three tonn of Beer and two chests wine Vizt: Canary & Clarett be bought for the use of the Generall table.

Tho: Pitt.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

[. . .] [le]tter from Metchlepm: [. . .]nt ℘ ffrench Cossed.

Monday [ ]

Att a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt President & Governour
Thomas Wright
Matthew Empson Thomas Marshall
John Meverell
Mr: Ellis *indispos'd*

Pags: 1200 paid into Cash on Accot: Sea Customs.

Mr: Thomas Wright late Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Twelve hundred Pagodas on Accot: Sea Custom's.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700*——

[ ]

Order'd that Bernando Rodrigues bee Entertain'd a souldier in this Garrison.

Portuguez entertain'd a soldier.

The Warehousekeeper & Sorters report, that there are lying in the Godown One thous[d]: & twenty peices of Long Cloth Ordinary, some of which has been turned out, some have had holes and mended, some narrow and some short, but in General the cloth pritty good.

Long Cloth defective.

Wherefore it is agreed that the said Cloth be all taken in at Pag[s]: 27 : 9 ℔ Corge and marked N°: 6 beleiveing they may sell for as much at the West Coast, as those which have cost much more.

To allow for said cloth Pag[s] : 27¼ ℔ Corge.

Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 11th: Instant read, wherein 'tis observed, that [. . .] dem [. . .] that he [. . .] ion, but bele [. . .] ell in his own [. . .] am, which were [. . .] the ffactory by M[r]: [. . .] ands arrivall.

[7 *lines lost.*]

Letter from Metchlepatam read. The Comp[s]: papers in the hands of Woolston demanded by the Cheif & Councill, but he denys his having any.

M[r]: Lovell being sent for before us, Denys his ever giving M[r]: Woolston such order, alledgeing that all General Letters &c[a]: papers were deliver'd him with the Company's Seal, and offers to deliver us a Letter with flying seal for him, upon this occasion, to be sent M[r]: Foquett &c[a]: which he is order'd accordingly to do.

M[r] : Lovell examin'd about it, who affirms they were left w[t] : Woolston.

M[r]: Holcombe from Vizagapatam having requested a Letter from the President to the King of Acheen, hee designing a ship thither very suddainly.

The Presidents Letter to the King of Acheen requested by M[r] : Holcombe.

A Letter to the King upon this occasion, and in Generall for the benefit of the English trade, with a Letter to M[r]: Holcombe, read and approved.

Letter to y[e] : King of Acheen one to M[r] : Holcombe, read.

The President produces a Paper for prevention of abuses by the Goldsmiths of this place, in [. . .] the same is refer'd [. . .] tion.

Paper produced, to prevent abuses by the working Goldsmiths.

[M[r]: Richard] Hunt Tobacco Mañager [pays into the] Honble: Companys cash [Six hundred and sixty] nine Pag[s]: on that Acco[t]:

Pag[s] : 669 paid [into cash for] Tobacco sold.

[Order'd that] One thousand Pagodas be [paid M[r]: Thom]as Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Pag[s]: 1,000 paid for [Garrison charges.]

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to deliver the President Thirty Candy Saltpetre at the Market price.

Thirty Candy Saltpetre to be deliv[d] : the President at Market price.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
THOM[S] : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1700—

TUESDAY [. . .]

[ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR : ELLIS *indisposed.*]

Portuguez entertd : a Soldier.

[One en]tertained a Souldier [in this Garrison]

The Merchants produces a Stock of 10,000 Pags : for carrying on their Investment. whereupon 20,000 pags : is paid them,

The Joint Stock [merchants] produceing their Ten thousand Pagodas Stock as agreed by the Contract dated the 16th: Instant, Order'd that Twenty thousand Pagodas be paid them in part of the said Contract.

The Comps : Shroff to be paid what arrears due to him, as ℘ accot : deliver'd in.

for[. . .] Comp [. . .].

which is Order'd to be deliver'd them.

Tegapah the Shroff having long since presented a Petition to the Governr : & Councill setting forth, that there were great Arrears of wages due to him, occasion'd by his not accepting of 1½ pags : ℘ mensem, he insisting on two pagodas, which is his present Salary, and also alledges that he has given his constant attendance to shroff all the money received into the Revenues, Warehouse, by the Paymaster and in the Companys cash, and severall of the Councill avering the same, its thought reasonable [. . .] arrears to be paid [. .] March 1694/5 [. . .] he was at his [. . .] have serv'd or no. [. . .] Padres belonging to [. . .], having long since [. . .] Governr : & Councill and often [. . .] em for an answer thereto ; the [Purport] of which Petition is relating to [Charity] given them by the Rt : Honble : Company from the first Settlement of this place, and continued till within 5 or 6 years last past, but not finding any orders from the Compa : to withdraw the same, or any reason upon the Books of the late Governr : & Councill for retaining it, wee think it for the Honble : Comps : service, that it be continued to 'em till their pleasure be signified to us, and therefore the Warehousekeeper is Order'd yearly to deliver 'em on the first day September next, One Garse of Paddy and two peices Long Cloth, when the Paymaster is also to deliver four Habits.

The reasons for the same.

What induces us to this, is not only that it has been the Companys ancient Charity, but [*a few lines missing*] good [. . .]strat [. . .] en there can[. . .] and they brought in [. . .] Arms. The said Petition is Enter'd after this consultation

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HONBLE : THOMAS PITT ESQR : PRESIDENT OF FORT ST : GEORGE AND GOVERNR : OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL &CA : COUNCILL.

The Humble : Petition of Padre Michael Anjo, Padre Jacques, Padre Espirito & Padre Renato.

May it Please Your Honr : &ca :

Your Petitioners do humbly presume to acquaint your Honr : &ca : that the Rt : Honble : Compa : was [. . .] rest of the favours [. . .] Peti-

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tioners, annu [. . .] two a Garse of Paddy, [. . .] Canonnicall [. . .] of their Hon^{r} : [. . .] petitioners for some years past.

The Portuguez Padres Petition for the charitys formerly allow'd by the Company.

[May it] please Your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : though [the petitioners] cannot pretend any right or claim to this gift, longer then is consistent with the good will and pleasure of their R^{t} : Honble : Benefactors, yet they humbly request, that (if the R^{t} : Honble : Company have not by order contracted that part of their Charity) Your Hon^{r} : &c^{a} : would please to allow it them, and though yor : Petitioners are incapable of makeing any return, yet a due acknowledgement, a gratef[ull] sentiment of their Hon^{rs} : favours, and yor : Petition^{rs} : daily prayers for the advancement & prosperity of the R^{t} : Honble : Companys affairs under the prudent management of Your Hon^{r} ; &c^{a} : shall never be wanting.

By Boat, sent Genl : Letters to the Cheif &c^{a} : Councill at Metchlepatam, to 28
M^{r} : Simon Holcombe Cheif at Vizagapatam, incloseing the President's Letter to the King of Acheen and translate thereof all of yesterdays Date.

[*Several lines missing.*]

Received Generall [letter] dated 24th : past. SEPTEMBER 4

Past by a large Ship to the [. . .] a Dutch flag at Topmast head, 5
[. . .] to be the Heer Comens Govern^{r} : of Negapatam bound to Policat.

Deliver'd Ship Bone Voyage a Pass burthen seventy five Tonn. 6

ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY do :

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

M^{R} : ELLIS *indispos'd*

The Comps Accot : Cash for August read & [. . .] [. . .]

The President read his Acco^{t} : of the R^{t} : Honble : Companys cash for the month of August last, the Ballance being Pag^{s} : 26375 : 35 : 3 and Charles [. . .] his acco^{t} : Fees [. . .] Pag^{s} : Tenn, [. . .] Honble : Comp^{s} : cash [. . .] forthwith to [Comp] anys Washers, [. . .] [no] torious Villains, [. . .] at the Choultry [. . .] incorrigible. It is order'd [that] they be Tr[ansported] to Pegu by a Ship now going over.

[. . .] for [. . .] into [. . .].

The Warehousekeeper reports to have received of the President Malabar Pepper Candys 212 : 19 : 22 (md. lb.) which at 18 pag^{s} : ₱ Candy amount to Pag^{s} : 3833 : 32 : 9 : the same is order'd to be paid for out of Cash.

Paymasters Accots : for June and July read.

M^{r} : Matthew Empson read his Paymasters Acco^{t} : for the months of June & July last, particulars Viz^{t} :

June.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s} :	1,093 : 24 : —
Charges Extraordinary	„	55 : 17 : —
Charges Generall	„	681 : 22 : —
Ship Rubie	„	263 : 18 : —
Diet	„	456 : 34 : —
Cattle	„	17 : 11 : —
Fortifications & repairs	„	31 : 24 : —
	Pag^{s} :	2,600 : 6 : —

July.

[*Several lines missing.*]

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[6TH]

Ballance of ye : Paym^{rs} : accots : order'd to be paid.

[. . .] M^{r}: Empson being [. . .] is order'd to be paid him.

Two persons ent^{d} : Soldiers.

Order'd that Nicholas G.[. . .] Carvalle be Entertain'd Soldiers [in this Garrison].

Warehouse Acco^{t} : for May, June & to ye : 9th : July read, and pays 1000 pag^{s} : into cash the Ball : of that acco^{t} : to that time.

M^{r} : Roger Braddyll late W[arehousekeeper] read his Warehouse Account, for the [months] May, June and to the 9th : July last, and pays into the R^{t}: Honble : Comp^{s} : Cash One thousand Pag^{s} : as the Ballance of his accounts, and likewise produces an Acco^{t} : Remains, which is Order'd by the Accomptant to be Examined & reported.

Pag^{s} : 50 paid into Cash for the fishing ffarm for one year.

Deago Pasquall &c^{a} : Mucquaw men pay into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys cash Fifty Pagodas for the fishing ffarm for one year Ending the 30th : May last.

Sundry Goods to be sold to prevent damage.

The Warehousekeeper reports, that the following Goods lying in the Warehouse being [damaged may be sold].

[. . .] 5: $\overset{mer}{221}$ [. . .] —: 33 [. . .] for Presents 340lb [. . .] 20 pair [. . .].

[. . .] they be sold [. . .].

[. . .] Pag^{s}: be paid [. . .] Paymaster to defray [Char]ges Garrison.

[. . .].

M^{r} : Thomas Wright warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : cash Six thous^{d} : Pag^{s} : on Acco^{t} : Goods and Silver sold.

[Letter from Met [chlep^{m}: read.

Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dat^{d} : the 24th : August last, read.

Chey Goods made in this place.

The Joint Stock Merchants having been encouraged by the President to make a Tryall of Chey Goods, and produceing the following sorts Viz^{t} :

The particulars.

		Ps :
Allajaes ...	Corge	11 : 17
Muttafoons	„	2 : 5
Goaconcherulaes	„	9 : 13
Colloway Poose ...	„	3 : 17
Cotton Romalls ...	„	9 : 19

And their prizes.

Which they have offer'd to the President and Councill at Pag^{s} : 43 ℘ Corge, alledgeing they stand them in so much : but compareing them with the Metchlepatam Invoices, find[them] to be very dear ; however for their Encouragem^{t} : they were long since offer'd 30 pag^{s} : ℘ Corge one with another, that being near the Metchlep^{m} : prizes, which they for a long time having refused, were this day sent for and offer'd 37 pag^{s} : ℘ Corge, which they accepted of.

It is therefore Order'd that they be Embaled, and in the Invoice to put the Metchlepatam prizes against each specie.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

9 Ship Bone Voyage, Ignaus Manuel Perez, Pilot, saild for Pegu.

10 Ship Maddapollam, Maul Cawn Noquedah saild for Pegu.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1700*—

TUESDAY 10TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MESSRS: ELLIS & EMPSON *indispos'd*

Order'd that William Jennings be Assistant to the Warehousekeeper in the room of William Bull.

Wm: Jennings Order'd assistant to the Warehousekeeper.

Mr: Thomas Wright late Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Company : cash One thousand Pagodas on Accot: Sea Custom's.

Pag: 1000 paid into cash on Accot: Sea Customs.

The President read his Mint Accots: for the months June, July & August last particulars Vizt:

The Mint Accots: for June, July & August, read.

June

To Custom on Gold coin'd in ye: Mint	... Pags:	56 :	5 :	—
To Custom on Silver	... Rups:	217 :	2 :	—

July

To Custom on Gold	... Pags:	32 :	6 :	40
To Custom on Silver	... Rups:	122 :	14 :	—

August

To Custom on Gold	... Pags:	10 :	34 :	—
To Custom on Silver	... Rups:	590 :	8 :	—

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys cash Vizt:

For custom of Gold coin'd	... Pags:	99 :	9 :	4
For ffanams delivd: out of Mint ...	... ,,	1615 :	6 :	3
For copper Cash	... ,,	340 :	—	—

and delivers to the Warehousekeeper on Accot: Revenues of Silver and Coinage Rupees 15 [3] 5 : 6.

Order'd that John Jacobs and John Bonard be Entertain'd souldiers in this Garrison.

Two persons entd: Soldiers.

Mr: Richard Hunt Tobacco Manager, read his Accots: of Tobacco sold for the months of May, June, July and August last.

The Tobacco Managers accot: for May, June, July and August read.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to sell Rups: at 355 for One hundred Pago-da's being answerable to the Price of seventeen Dollars ℘ Ten Pagodas.

Rupees to be sold at 355 for Ten Pags.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MERVERELL.

Ship Saree Salam [*Lacuna in the original*] saild for Pegu. 11

Received by Overland Peons, General Letter from President Colt &ca: Councill at Surat dated 8th: July last, with copy of their Protest to Sr: Nichola's Waite of the 6th: ditto. Also General Letter from the Generall &ca: Councill at Bombay dated the 24th: May last, with all papers inclosed.

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12 Received General Letter from the Majority of the Councill at ffort St: David dat: 7th: Instant.

THURSDAY 12TH

ATT A CONSULTATION *Extraordy*:

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MERVERELL
MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Letter from the Majority of the Councill at Fort St: David complaining of the Dep: Govr: Letters received, read.

General Letter from the Majority of the Councill at Fort St: David dated the 7th: Instant, read, complaining of a generall Disatisfaction in the Deputy Governours Deportment towards his Councill, concerning which there are severall private Letters to the Governour, as also to some of the Councill, which shall be speedily considered, to prevent the ill consequences that may insue.

Generall Letters from Surat dated the 8th: July last, and from Bombay dated the 24th: May last, with the severall papers therewith received, all read.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

14TH Dispatch'd Generall Letters to the Dep: Governour &ca: Councill at ffort St: David, and to the Deputy Governour particularly, both of yesterdays Date; also to the Majority of the Councill of this Date.

TUESDAY 17

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
The Councill being duly sumon'd
MESSRS: ELLIS, MARSHALL, & MEVERELL *indispos'd*

The Bond for appearance of Claudius Masson to be put in suit in the Admty: Court.

The Attorney Generall is Order'd to put in suit in the Court of Admiralty, the Bond dated the 15th: May 1696 for one thousand Pagodas given by Messrs: Daniel Chardin & Samuel Browne, for the appearance of Claudius Massons person, he being absconded.

Pags: 1000 to be paid the Paymr: for Garrison charges.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Henry Marshall Writer reqts: to lay down the Comps: Service wch: is granted.

Henry Marshall by his request in writing, desireing to lay down the Rt: Honble: Comps: Service, in order to go home by the next returning ship, upon which being sent for to know the reason, he answers, that having news by the last ships of his fathers death, hee goes home to take care of the Estate left him.

It is resolved that the same be granted, and that Thomas Matthews be at the Sea Gate in his room.

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Peter de Pomera &ca: Arrac farmers, pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Five hundred Pagodas on that account for two months, ending the 14th: July last. Pags: 500 paid into Cash on accot: of the Arrac farm.

It having been an Epidemical complaint against the working Goldsmiths of this Place, of their unreasonable and unjust abaseing all Gold and Silver deliver'd them to work up, by which all people have been great loosers when they come to Dispose of the same; To prevent this great Mischeif for the future, Wee the Govr: & Councill do order, that on & after the 29th: day of this present September 1700, that no Gold nor Silver shall be wrought up in this place nor the limits thereof, otherwise than the coin, but what shall be brought to the Essaymaster at the Mint, which if found to be according to the standard hereafter mentioned then he shall stamp it with a stamp made for that purpose, which is a Lyons head and Letter A the Letter to be alter'd yearly according to the Alphabet. Complaint of the working Goldsmiths. Methods for future prevention of the same.

All wrought Silver to be English Standard.
All wrought Gold not to be worse than Pagoda Matt.

And whatsoever wrought Silver or Gold the Essaymaster shall find when brought to him, to be under the aforesaid Matt, he shall cause it to be broke in peices, and the Goldsmith that wrought such plate, shall be forthwith carried before some one Justice of the Choultry, who upon information upon Oath from the Essaymaster, that such Plate he then produces is worse than the standard aforemention'd, then such Justice shall committ the Offender to Prison till next Court day when by the Justices of the Choultry, the person or persons so offending shall be fin'd or receive such punishment as the notoriousness of their crime deserves.

And whereas there are severall things wrought in Gold and Silver, which by reason of their smallness are uncapable of being stamp'd, 'tis Order'd that such small work either Silver or Gold, shall be brought to the Essaymaster to be touch'd by him, and if found under touch, then the offender to be proceeded against, as in the case of large Plate to be stamp'd.

Furthermore, It is required & Order'd that no person whatsoever make any wrought Plate or Employ any Goldsmith to make the same, but before he pays such Goldsmith, hee shall bring or cause to be brought the Plate so wrought to be stamp'd or Touch'd, on failure of which and proof made of the same, a Quarter part of the Value of said Plate shall be forfeited, one third part of which, to be paid unto our Church, one third to the Company, and one third to the Informer or Discoverer thereof.

And if any one shall presume or offer to counterfeit the Stamp, hee shall bee proceeded against in the Court of Admiralty where hee shall be punished or fined according to the merit of the fact.

Wee further Order, wrought Plate stamp'd or touch'd by the Essaymaster, so that it be of the same standard hereby Order'd, that it Pays unto the Essaymaster half a fanam Madrass for each Pagoda.

Wee also order, that the Essaymaster keep an exact accot: of what Silver or Gold hee stamps or touches, with an Accot: of what hee receives for the same, and produce the same monthly in Councill.

And that none may have cause to plead Ignorance in this our Order for stamping of all wrought Gold and Silver, It is resolved that the same be Affixt at the Sea Gate, in the English, Portuguez, Armenian, [Persian], Jentu & Malabar Languages.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1700——

17 By Peons to Policherry to be sent by two French men of warr proceeding thence for Surat, Dispatch'd Generall Letter to President Colt: &ca: Council of yesterdays date, incloseing our Journall parcells and Accot: Currant with that Presidency, from the year 1691. Also Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Bombay of yesterdays date.

21 Received Generall Letters from Metchlepatam of no Date, and from Maddapollam dated the 5th: Instant, with the several papers inclosed in both Pacquets.

26 Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated 20th: July last with their Accot: of the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash for the month June last.

FRIDAY 27TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMs: WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMs: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Part of a Letter to the Compa: & Letters from ye: Subordinate factorys, read.

General Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company of this Date to Paragraph 66. Also Generall Letters from Metchlepatam of no Date, from Maddapollam dated the 5th: Instant and from Vizagapatam dated 20th: July last, all read.

Storekeepers Accots: for July & August read, and 300 pags: paid into cash on that Accot:

Mr: Francis Bett Provl: Storekeeper read his Accots: for the months of July and August last, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Three hundred Pagodas on that account, being for stores sold.

Pags: 50 be repaid Mr: Bett for bringing up the Wt: Coast books in ℘suance of ye: Comps: orders.

Ordered that Fifty Pagodas be paid Mr: Francis Bett, being so much received by him as a Gratuity for bringing up those Books when he went to the West Coast, and afterwards repaid back, but since allowed by the Rt: H: C: in the 39 Parag: of their Letter dated the 21st: November 1699, upon what wee wrote them about that matter.

Land Custom Accots: for July and August read

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer read his accots: for the months of July and August last particulars Vizt:

July.		
Choultry Custom	Pa:	594 : 10 : 58
Trivlecane Custom	„	— 3 : 45
Rubie Brokers	„	73 : 2 : 10
Cloth Brokers	„	10 : 31 : 60
Registring Slaves	„	1 : 20 : —
	Pags:	679 : 32 : 3
August.		
Choultry Custom	Pa:	488 : 13 : 65
Trivlecane Custom	„	— 5 : 40
Rubie Brokers	„	69 : 25 : —
Cloth Brokers	„	... 27 ; 45
Registring Slaves	„	.. 8 . —
	„	559 : 7 : 70

Pag: 1176 paid into Cash on accot: Land Custom.

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Compe: cash One thousand one hundred Seventy Six Pags: on that account.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1700*——

[27TH]

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Accot^{s}: for the months July & August last, and pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: cash Four thousand Pagodas on Acco^{t}: Goods & Silver sold, and M^{r}: Richard Hunt Tobacco Manager pays Four hundred & fifteen Pagodas on Acco^{t}: Tobacco sold.

Warehouse Accot: for July & August read and pays into Cash 4000 pag^{s}: for Silver &c^{a}: sold. Pag^{s}: 415 paid into Cash for Tobacco sold.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

29TH

Ship Howland arrived from Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam and brought the follow^{g}: Generall Letters Viz^{t}:

from the Cheif &c^{a}: Councill dated the 4th: Ins^{t}: with Invoice & Bill Lading for 186 bales &c^{a}: amounting to Pag^{s}: 11079 : 7 : 3.
from the Cheif of Vizagapatam dated the 16th: Instant.
from the Cheif &c^{a}: Councill of Metchlepatam dated 23^{d}: Instant, with Invoice & Bill Lading for 96 bales am^{ts}: to Pag^{s}: 25039 : 25 : 3.
from M^{r}: Samuel Woolston dated the 14th: Ins^{t}: and from Bengall dated the 10th: July last, wth: all papers mention'd in their several respective Lists.

The Governour and Councill sign'd the following Order.

SUNDAY d^{o}:

Some bales from the Northern factorys to be unloaden from the Howland, for inspection.

Ship Howland being this evening arriv'd from Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam, the Warehousekeeper is Order'd with all expedition to unlade the following.

FROM VIZAGAPATAM.

Strip'd Betteela's Brown Viz^{t}:

N^{o}:	B	Bales	2
	C	,,	3
	OC	,,	1
	+C	,,	6
	OB	,,	1
	+[D]	,,	1
			14 bales which being Brown, are to be wash'd.

Europe Cloth Viz^{t}:

N^{o}:	A	Bales	2
,,	R	,,	4
,,	G	,,	5
,,	P	,,	4
,,	I	,,	1

All the Bengall Packing Stuff put on Shore there from Ship Benjamin, and all freight Goods.

Long Cloth	N^{o}: O.	3	Bal:	1
Salampores Ord^{y}:	,,	4	,,	1
Strip'd Betteela's	,,	1	,,	1
				3 bales, for our Inspection.

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[29TH]

METCHLEPATAM GOODS.

LFC +	N°: 1	Bale	1
P +	,, 1	,,	1
BP +	,, 1	,,	1
GS +	,, 1	,,	1
SF	,, 2	,,	1
P	,, 2	,,	1
DMF	,, 1	,,	1
SH	,, 2	,,	1
GB	,, 1	,,	1
OB	,, 1	,,	1
IZ	,, 2	,,	1
CH	,, 22	,,	1
CB	,, 1	,,	1
SG	,, 2	,,	1
A	,, 2	,,	1
R	,, 2	,,	1
SPP	,, 1	,,	1

17 Bales, for our Inspection.

MADDAPOLLAM GOODS.

LFC	N°: 2	Bale	1
GS	,, 1	,,	1
BP	,, 2	,,	1

3 bales, for our Inspection.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

MONDAY 30TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMS: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

Cloth brought in by the Joint Stock Merchts: unfit for Europe to be sold at Outcry. Ginghams of 18 coveds to be taken in, prohibited by ye: Compa: & why.

There being some cloth lying in the Godown brought in by the Joint Stock Merchts: on their old Contract, which either by Badness or Shortness in Length & breadth are unfitt for Europe, It is Order'd that the Warehousekeeper Affix notes at the Sea Gate, signifying that such Cloth be put up to sale at Publick Outcry, and the Produce thereof paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash. And whereas there are also about Eight hundred peices of 16 Coved Ginghams, brought in by the Joint Stock Merchants on the old Contract and they being considerable in arrears upon that Contract, wee think it adviseable not to refuse these, notwithstanding the Rt: Honble: Company have order'd that no more should be sent them.

Letters received, read.

Generall Letters from the Cheif &ca: Counll: of Vizagapatam dated the 4th: & 7th: Instant, from the Cheif of Vizagapatam dated the 16th: Instant &ca:

papers from Metchlep^{m}: dated 23^{d}: Instant, and M^{r}: Samuel Woolston dated the 14th: Instant; also from Bengall dated the 10 July last, all read.

M^{r}: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco^{t}: Disbursements for the month August last, particulars Viz^{t}:

Paymaster's Acco^{t}: for the m^{o}: August, read.

Charges Garrison	Pa:	1124 : 19
Charges Generall	,,	308 : 29
Charges Cattle	,,	19 : 9
Acco^{t}: Present	,,	3 : 32
Charges Merchandize	,,	— : 10
Diet	,,	229 : 30
Factors Provisions	,,	576 : 10
Charges Extraordinary	,,	14 : 35
Metchlepatam	,,	102 : 34
West Coast	,,	10 : 21
Fortifications & Repairs	,,	30 : 1
	Pag^{s}:	2,421 : 14

Order'd that One thousand Pagoda's be paid M^{r}: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Pag^{s}: 1,000 order'd the Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Order'd that John Holston be Gunners Mate of the Outworks.

John Holston entertain'd Gun^{rs}: Mate of y^{e}: Outworks.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright being in the warehouse, and not having time to attend the Choultry, It is therefore order'd that M^{r}: Matthew Empson be Cheif Justice of the Choultry in his room.

M^{r}: Empson to be Cheif Justice of the Choultry.

The Accomptant is order'd to draw out the Acco^{t}: Salary due to the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}: Servants ending the 29th: Instant, and the Paymaster to Muster Ship Howlands Company of men and report the same.

Acco^{t}: Salary for ½ year to the Comp^{s}: Serv^{ts}: to be drawn out.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Brigantine Commerce George Weoley Master arrived from Bengall, by whom received Generall Letter from the President &c^{a}: Councill dated the 5th: Instant, with the severall papers as ꝑ List of the Pacquet. 30

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of this date.

OCTOBER ꝑm^{o}:

WEDNESDAY 2^{D}:

The following Order was sign'd by the Governour & Councill.

Ship Howland being ready to take in her Lading for England, the Warehousekeeper is order'd to ship off sufficient for the same, takeing care that all the fine Goods be sent, and the Pepper as the Comander desires it.

Ship Howlands Lading for England to be ship'd off.

THOMAS PITT.
THOM^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1700—

Friday 4

Att a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt President & Governour
Francis Ellis — Thomas Wright
Matthew Empson — Thomas Marshall
John Meverell

Letters sent & receiv'd, read.

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company dated the 27th: September last from Parag: 66 to 77 from Bengall dated the 5th: September last, To Bengall, Metchlepatam, Maddapm: & Vizagapatam of this Date, all read.

The Warehousekeeper to agree for 300 Candys Red wood at 2¼ pags:

The Warehousekeeper reports, that hee cannot Buy any Redwood under 2¼ pags: ℘ Candy, and to advance half the money before hand. So considering the Dutch and new Company are Buying up great quantitys, 'Tis resolved & Order'd hee agrees for three hundred Candys upon those term's.

Mr: John Styleman upon his request, hath leave to go for England.

Mr: John Styleman in writing, requesting our Leave to take his Passage for England upon Ship Howland, Resolved that the same be granted, and that he has accomodation in the great Cabbin.

Tho: Pitt.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell.

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Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars the following Pacqts: Vizt: To Metchlepatam, Maddapollam, Vizagapatam and Bengall all of Yesterdays date, with the severall papers mentioned in the respective Generall Letters.

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 28th: September last with the Sevl: papers as ℘ List from No: 1 to No: 13, also their Journall parcells and Account Currant with this place comenceing ℘mo: May 1699 ending April 1700. Likewise a Generall Letter from the Deputy Governour dated the 27th: past, and all other papers as therein mentioned.

Tuesday 7th

Att a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt President & Governour

Francis Ellis — Thomas Wright
Matthew Empson — Thoms: Marshall
John Meverell

The Storekeeper to redeliver Ten barrells of English powder to Capt: Prower, for so much spared at Vizagapatam.

The Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam adviseing in their Generall Letter dated the 4th: Instant of Capt: William Prowers having spared them Tenn barrells Powder, and he now produceing Mr: Stables receipt for the same, the Storekeeper is Order'd to deliver Capt: Prower ten Barrells English Powder.

Letters from Fort St: David, read, and their Merchts: proposealls for 30,000 pags: Investment approv'd upon some alterations hence.

Generall Letters from the Dep: Governr: of Fort St: David dated the 27th: Sepr: last, and from the Dep: Govr: & Councill dated the 28th: ditto, both read: in the latter was sent us proposealls by their Merchants for an Investment of Thirty thousand Pagodas, which wee approve of, except the number of midling Long Cloth, one Moiety whereof to be taken off, and in Lieu the Amount in Commees & Neckcloths to be Agreed, & for their direction in the abatement between number to number, that wee send them copy of our last Contract.

Ensign Thomas Salmon for deserting the Garrison and for drawing off severall men with him, having lain in Prison some months; for many considerations have tho^t: fitt to send him home upon Ship Howland on Charterparty Account, and there being arrears of wages due to him (having had but two pagodas ℘ Mensem since in Prison) which by Law or equity he ought not to be allow'd, having been under confinement and done no service for the same; but considering his condition, that hee has neither apparell nor any manner of necessarys for the Voyage, the Paymaster is Order'd to give him Ten Pagodas, and that there be an Order for his going aboard forthwith. Ensign Salmon for deserting the Garrison to be sent for England, and some small sum given for necessarys.

Serjant Owen having serv'd some time in this Garrison and being under great discontent of mind from being from his Wife and Children in England, in so much, that he has offer'd violence to himself, 'Tis order'd that he be Discharg'd and that he takes his passage on Ship Howland. Serjant Owen to go for England & why.

'Tis order'd that Thomas Hitchman & John Ireland who was brought here from ffort S^t: David upon Ship Colchester, who were taken aboard by a Dane at Acheen, having been concern'd in severall Piracies in the South Sea's, but there being no evidence against them, otherwise than their own Declaration that they were forc'd to serve in a Pirot, 'Tis thought convenient to prevent their Infecting others, that they be sent home on Ship Howland and their declarations with them, and that the Paymaster provides them necessary apparell for the Voyage. Two men lying under suspicion of Piracy to be sent for England.

Tho: Pitt.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thom^s: Marshall.
John Meverell.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David dated the 5th: Instant. 8
Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S^t: David of this date.

Att a Consultation — Friday 11th

Present

Thomas Pitt President & Governour
Thomas Wright
Matthew Empson Thomas Marshall
John Meverell
The Councill being duly Summon'd

Generall Letter to the R^t: Honble: Company dated the 27th: September last & 10th: Instant, from Parag: 77 to 85, read. Letter to the Comp^a: to Par: 85 read.

Resolved that the Secretary give orders to Capt: Prower for receiveing of Diamonds on board Ship Howland, as they are bro^t: to him to be Registred. The Secretary to give orders for receiveing Diamonds on Ship Howland, for England.

Ordered that Four thousand Pagodas be paid to Botchu Chittee & Colastree, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep: Govern^r: &c^a: Councill at ffort S^t: David dated the 5th: Instant. Fort S^t: David bill Exchange ord^d: to be paid.

Ordered that Thomas Crum be Discharg'd the Gunroom crew at his request and David Lee be Entertain'd therein. Men Dischar-g'd & Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1700——

[11TH]

To report whether Messrs: Dolben & Styleman are indebted to y^{e}: Comp^{a}:

The Accomptant is order'd to Examine the Generall books, whether Messrs: John Dolben and John Styleman are anyways indebted to the R^{t}: Honble: Company & report the same.

The Acco^{t}: of the Comp^{s}: cash for September, read.

The President read his Acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Cash for the month September last, Ballance being Pag^{s}: 34906 : 28 : 2.

Tho: Pitt.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thom^{s}: Marshall.
John Meverell.

13 Received Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 10th: Instant with their Pacquet to the R^{t}: Honble: Company (under a flying seal for our peruseall) to be sent ℔ Ship Howland. Also copy of their Consultations & Diarys comenceing January 169$\frac{8}{9}$ Ending ultimo December 1699.

14 The following order was sign'd by y^{e}: Govr: & Councill.

To Capt: William Prower Com^{r}: of Ship Howland.

Wee require you to receive on board your Ship Thomas Hitchman and John Ireland in Irons, and keep them so till you sail out of this road, and when you come near any Port, you are to put them again in Irons to prevent their Escapeing, and on your arrival in England, you are to advise the Company and follow their orders for the Disposeall of 'em. They were apprehended at Malacca for being concern'd in several Piracies in the South Sea's, and their own Declarations which goes with them, confirms their having sail'd up & down in Pirats. Wee cannot avoid sending 'em home to prevent their perverting others, which Mallafactors have already brought great Dishonour to our nation in these parts, as well as unspeakeable Prejudice to the Company's Affairs. Dated in Fort S^{t}: George the 14th: October 1700.

Thomas Pitt.
Francis Ellis.
Thom^{s}: Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Tho: Marshall.
John Meverell.

14 Received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam, dated the 29th: September last, with their Diarys & Consultations comenceing 6th: August to the 20th: September last. Also a paper of proposealls from their Merchants for an Investment of Pag^{s}: 44762 : 18 deliverable in August next.

Tuesday 15th

Att a Consultation

Present

Thomas Pitt President & Governour
Thomas Wright
Matthew Empson Thom^{s}: Marshall
Mess^{RS}: Ellis & Meverell *indispos'd*

Bills to be drawn on y^{e}: Comp^{a}: for Pag^{s}: 49 : 6 paid into their cash of Batson Pearson dec^{d}:

M^{r}: Mathew Empson late Paymaster pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 49 : 6 being further part of the Estate of M^{r}: Batson Pearson deceas'd. Order'd that Bills be given him by us on the Honble: Comp^{a}: payable to his relations in England.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1700—— [15 H]

The President having provided Cloth and look'd after the Painting of Chints, of this place, whereupon some being lately brought in and approved by us very propper for the Europe Market, are order'd to be taken in, calculateing the prime cost of the Cloth, what has and is to be paid ye: Painters, and the Warehouse-keeper is Order'd to Embale the same and Lade them on board the Howland.

Chints of this place provided by the President to be paid for & Laden on the Howland for England.

The Paymaster reports the Muster of Ship Howlands Company to be Eighty men & Boys.

The Howlands Muster roll reported.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 10th: Instant and from Metchlepatam dated the 29th: September last, both read.

Letters receieved, read.

Ordered that Two thousand Pags: be paid Vengana & Ramana, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep: Govr: &ca: Councill of Fort St: David dated the 5th: Instant.

Fort St: David bill Exchange order'd to be paid.

The Accomptant reporting that Messrs: John Dolben and John Styleman are not anyways indebted to the Rt: Honble: Company upon their Generall Books, Order'd that Certificates be accordingly given them.

Certificates given Messrs: Dolben & Styleman, they being not indebted to the Compa:

Order'd that David Davids be Entertain'd a Souldier in this Garrison in the stead of John Davis, he being Discharg'd upon his request of returning home ꝑ Ship Howland and John Hopkins, Thomas Wetherly, Richard Ranwi[th] & John Dennis are all Discharg'd the Gunroom.

Exchange of a Soldier made & severall discharg'd ye: Gunroom.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Pags: 1000 Order'd ye: Paymr: for charges Garrison.

Agreed that what Brown Cloth brought ashore here at any times to be wash'd, may be Exported again upon paying 2½ ꝑ Cent custom.

Brown Cloth imported to be wash'd only, to pay 2½ ꝑ Cent custom.

Charles Bugden nearly related to Mr: Zouch Troughton (who died in his passage home on the Fame) being under some apprehention that his papers may be Lost or Embezled, have requested of us a certificate that the said Mr: Troughton nor Mr: John Cheney (whose relict he married) are not Indebted to the Rt: Honble: Company in this Presidency, which wee now grant him, in regard that Mr: Troughton had a Certificate to the same purport as ꝑ Order of Consultation the ꝑmo: October 1698.

Upon Charles Bugdens request a Certificate is given that Zouch Troughton & Jno: Cheney decd: are not indebted to ye: Compa:

Order'd that Pags: 4: 8: 1 be paid Mr: John Hutchinson and Pags: 5: 11 to Mr: Henry Marshall, being for Salary due to them from the 25th: March last to the time of their Dismission from the Rt: Honble: Comps: Service.

Jno: Hutchinson & Henry Marshall their Salary Order'd to be paid them.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.

Twelve a clock at noon, Ship Howland, fired a Gun, signifying her being fully Laden. 15

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WEDNESDAY 16

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMS: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Latter part of a Letter to ye: Compa: & ye: Howlands Dispatch read & sign'd.

The remaining part of the Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company from Parag: 85 to 98 was read & sign'd, as also the Howlands Dispatch for England.

One of the Gunroom crew discharg'd.

Order'd that Paul Springa be Discharg'd the Gunroom, he desireing it.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.

16 Deliver'd the Comander of the Howland his Dispatch for England.
17 Ship Howland Capt: William Prower Comr: saild for England.

FRIDAY 18

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMS: MARSHALL
The Councill being duly sumon'd
MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Portuguez Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Order'd that Padro Lacruiz be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Sea Custom Accots: for the mo: July read.

Mr: Thomas Wright late Sea Customer read his Sea Custom Accounts for the month July last particulars Vizt:

To Custom of Goods Imported & Exported this month ...	Pags:	1861 : 26 : 98
To Custom on Grain ...	„	381 : 22 : 25
To Anchorage ...	„	98 : — : —
To Salvage ...	„	19 : 22 : —
To ffreight ℔ Rubie from Bengll: ...	„	120 : 15 : 96
	Pa:	2481 : 15 : 19

The Secretarys Accot: Fees for Passes for September read.

Charles Bugden Secretary read his Accot: Fees for Passes for month September last amount to four Pagodas, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Pags: 2 : 24 fa: their part.

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The President proposes the ffarming out the Tobacco and Beetle for Eight thousand Pag^s: ℘ annum to be collected in the same manner as now by the R^t: Honble: Company, the further resolution whereof, is referred to our next meeting. The ffarming of y^e: Tobacco & Beetle for 8000 pag^s: ℘ ann: propos'd by y^e: Presid^t:

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^s: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Delivered a Pass to Brigantine Commerce burthen thirty ton George Weoley Master bound on a trading Voyage on the Coast of India, and in the night said Brigantine sail'd, by whom sent Generall to S^r: John Gayre Generall of India &c^a: Councill at Bombay dated the 19th: Instant, incloseing a short Letter for the R^t: Hon^r: Company of this date adviseing the Dispatch of Ship Howland for England. 21

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 21TS

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R:
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
M^R: ELLIS *indispos'd*

The President pays into the R^t: H: Comp^s: cash Two hundred eight Pagodas, being for the permission of Passage of the following persons on Ship Howland for England, Viz^t: Pag^s: 208 p^d: into Cash for Passongers on y^e: Howland.

John Dolben Esqr:	Pa: 26
John Styleman	„ 26
James Perriman	„ 26
John Mabb	„ 26
John Hutchinson	„ 26
Henry Marshall	„ 26
Styleman Gostlin	„ 26
Augustin Burton	„ 26
Pag^s:	208

Governour Comans having been some time at Policat, and the Dispatch of the Howland preventing the doing it before, It is agreed that Messrs: Empson & Meverell proceed on Wednesday next with a complementing Letter from the Govern^r: & Councill. Messrs: Empson & Meverell to complement y^e: Dutch Govr: of this coast, he being at Policat.

The Washers complaining of the smallness of their Pay for washing of the Companys Cloth and which they alledge to be the reason they cannot encrease the number of washers, having brought some from severall parts, who so soon as they have been inform'd of the prizes wee give, have deserted us, and now makeing great Investments, so that wee shall extreamly want washers to cure the cloth, for their encouragement wee have settled the following Prizes Viz^t: The Settlement for washing the Comp^s: cloth.

		Fa:	
Long Cloth	at Pag^s: 1	—	℘ Corge.
Long Cloth Midling	„ 1	4	℘ Corge.
Long Cloth fine	„ 1	10	℘ Corge.

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Salampores fine	„	—: 21	℘ Corge.
Salampores Midling	„	—: 16	
Moorees fine	„	—: 12	
Moorees Ordinary	„	—: 10	
Succatums	„	—: 23	
Betteelas Oringall	„	—: 25	
Betteelas of 40 Coveds	„	—: 21	
Ditto 50	„	—: 25	

Pag^s: 4000 paid into Cash by y^e: Warehouse-keeper.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys cash Four thousand Pagodas on Accot: Goods & Silver Sold.

The Calicoe Godowns to be repaired.

The Warehousekeeper representing that the large Godown where the Calicoes Embaled for Europe are kept is much decayed in the floring, and that the White aunts have of late often begun to eat severall of the Bales, and to prevent the great damage that may ensue thereby, It is ordered that the Paymaster new Paive ye: Godown with Iron Stones, and lay them all in Chinam.

Pag^s: 1600 paid into Cash on Acco^t: Sea Customs.

Mr: Thomas Wright late Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honr: Comps: cash Eight hundred Pagoda's on Accot: Sea Customs, and Mr: Matt: Empson Sea Customer Eight hundred Pags: on that Account.

A Soldier Entertain'd.

Ordered that Michael Horton be Entertain'd a souldier in this Garrison.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMs: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

23 This morning Messrs: Empson & Meverell proceeded on their Journey for Policat and carried the President & Councills Letter to Govr: Comans of yesterdays date.

24 Dispatch'd ℘ Pattamars Generall Letters to Metchlepatam, Vizagapatam & Bengall all dated the 22d: Instant.

25 Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 22d: Instant, with the severall paprs: mention'd.

26TH This Evening return'd Messrs: Empson & Meverell, and brought a Letter from Governr: Comans for the President & Councill dated 5th: November 1700.

WEDNESDAY 30

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMs: MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: ELLIS *indispos'd*

Land Custom acco^t: for Sep^r: m^o: read &

Mr: John Meverell read his Land Custom Accounts for the month September last, particulars Vizt:

Choultry Custom	Pa:	393	3	75
Trivlecane Custom	„	—	4	5
Rubie Brokers	„	16	15	60
Cloth Brokers	„	2	25	45
Registring Slaves	„	—	24	—
	Pags:	412	27	25

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and pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{r}: Companys Cash Four hundred fifty five Pagodas on that account, and Pag^{s} : 24 : 23 : 43 on Acco^{t}: Town Conicoplies Duty from the ℘^{mo} : February to the ultimo September last.

Pag^{s} : 455 paid into Cash on that acco^{t} : and Pag^{s} : 24 : 23 : 43 for Town Conicoplys duty.

Generall Letter from Fort S^{t} : David dated 22^{d} : Ins^{t} : &c^{a} : papers therewith received, read.

Letter &c^{a} : papers from Fort St David, read.

Order'd that Six thousand Pag^{s}: be paid Vengana & Maura Chittee being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep: Govern^{r} : &c^{a} : Councill of Fort S^{t} : David dated the [20th :] Instant.

Fort S^{t} : David bill Exchange order'd to be paid.

M^{r} : Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco^{t} : Disbursements for the month Sep^{r} : last, particulars Viz^{t} :

Paym^{rs} : Acco^{ts} : for Sep^{r} : read.

Charges Garrison	Pa :	1111 : 2
Diet	,,	323 : 6
Charges Generall	,,	361 : 24
Charges Cattle	,,	18 : 4
Charges Merchandize	,,	— : 18
Charges Extraordinary	,,	20 : 35
Fortifications & Repairs	,,	25 : 14
	Pag^{s} :	1860 : 31

Generall Letter to the Deputy Govern^{r}: and Councill & to the Dep: Governour only, both dated the 29th : Instant, read & approv'd.

Letters to Fort S^{t} : David, read.

M^{r} : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : Cash Ten thousand Pagodas on Acco^{t} : Silver & Goods sold.

Pag^{s} : 10000 paid into Cash by the Warehouse-keeper.

The Warehousekeeper reports that in persuance of our Consultation dated the 30th : Sep^{r} : last, he has sold at severall times at Publick Outcry to the amount of Pag^{s} : 2127 : 29 : 42 of the Cloth in the Joint Stock Merchants Godown, and finding that Long Cloth Ordinary &c^{a} : that has holes in it sells at under rates, It is therefore Order'd that the remaining Cloth be kept till wee see whether the Ruffagurs comes from Bengall or not.

No more of the turn'd out Cloth belonging to y^{e} : Merch^{ts} : to be sold & why.

The Accomptant sent the last half years salary due to the R^{t} : Honble : Companys Serv^{ts} : ending the 29th : September last Amo^{t} : to Pag^{s} : 978 : 11 : Order'd that the same be paid.

The Acco^{t} : Salary order'd to be p^{d} : the Comp^{s} : Servants.

Order'd that One thousand Pag^{s} : be paid M^{r} : Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

Pag^{s} : 1000 Order'd the Paym^{r} : for Charges Garrison.

Translate of a Letter from Govern^{r} : Comans at Policat dated 5th : Nov^{r} : N.S. read.

Translate of a Letter from Govr : Comans, read.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{S} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

This morning Dispatch'd Generall Letters to the Deputy Govern^{r} : &c^{a} : Councill of Fort S^{t} : David and to the Dep : Governour only both dated the 29th : Ins^{t} : 31

This Evening received Generall Letter from Fort S^{t} : David dated the 29th : Instant.

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NOVEMBER ℘mo : The President received a Letter from M^{r}: Daniel du Bois on board the Tavestock at Anjengo, who arrived there the 9th : past from England, incloseing a Printed Act of Parliament for Incorporating the Old East India Company.

4 This being the Kings birthday, was more particularly chosen for publishing the Act of Parliament for settleing our R^{t} : Honble : Masters, upon occasion of both which Solemnitys, the Govern^{r}. and Councill and all the Inhabitants of this place mett at the Companys Garden House, where there was provided a splendid Entertainment.

5 Received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam, dated the 23^{d} : October last, with the severall papers therein mention'd.

WEDNESDAY 6TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
JOHN MEVERELL

The Councill being duly summon'd
Mr Ellis *indispos'd* & M^{r} : Marshall at y^{e} : Mount.

Mint Accots : for September, read. The President read his Mint Acco^{ts} : for the month September last.

Letters recd: & sent read. Generall Letters from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 29th: October last and Metchlepatam, dated the 23^{d} : ditto. Also to Metchlepatam of this date read, and the latter approv'd.

Bill from Fort St : David paid. Whereas a Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t} : David dated the 28th: October last for Four thousand Pag^{s}: being on the 4th : Instant presented, 'twas unanimously approv'd to be then paid, and the same was accordingly paid.

Pags : 12,000 paid into cash by the Warehouse-keeper. M^{r} : Thomas Wright, Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Companys cash Twelve thousand Pagodas on Acco^{t} : Goods and Silver sold.

Metchlepatam bill Exchange order'd to be paid. Order'd that Ten thousand Pag^{s} : be paid to Muddu Perrimal & Yendoor Trippaty, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Cheif &c : Councill at Metchlepatam, dated the 23^{d} : October last.

To sell Perpetuances at 6 Pags : ℘ Peice. Whereas by Consultation of the 7th : August the Warehousekeeper was Order'd to sell Perpetuan^{s} : at Pag^{s}: 6 : 18 ℘ peice, since which he has Dispos'd of none except for the use of the Garrison, So considering that they lye and Perish, 'Tis Order'd that he sell them off (if possible) at six Pagoda's ℘ peice.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

7 Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Metchlep^{m} : dated the 23^{d} : October last, with the severall papers therein mention'd.

FRIDAY 7TH The following Order was sign'd : by the Govr : & Councill.

Order'd that Pag^{s} : 1088 : 1[8] be paid M^{r} : Roger Braddyll, being both Principal & Interest due on a Bond dated the 13th : November 1699 for One thousand Pagoda's.

THOMAS PITT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOM^{s} : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

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Doud Cawn sent the President five Shawls with a kind Letter, which were receiv'd at the Garden, the Councill and many of the Inhabitants being present, whereupon 21 great guns were Discharg'd from the ffort. 12

SATURDAY 16

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR

MATTHEW EMPSON — THOMAS WRIGHT — THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL

M^{R} : ELLIS *indispos'd*

The Accot : of the Rt : H : C : cash for October month, The Mint Accot: The Secrys : Accot : Fees for Passes and Warehouse accot : all read.

The President read his Acco^{t} : of the R^{t} : Honble : Companys cash for the month October last, Ballance being Pag^{s} : 36258 : 15 : 4, also his Mint Account for ditto month. Charles Bugden Secretary read his Acco^{t} : Passes for ditto month and pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : cash Two Pag^{s} : their part and M^{r} : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Warehouse Acco^{t} : for the month September last

The Order of ye : 17th : Sepr : last to the working Goldsmiths revers'd & why.

Whereas there was an order issued out from the Govern^{r} : & Councill dated 17th : September last for the effectuall preventing the Working Goldsmiths of this place from Debaseing Silver & Gold given them to work up, since which, there having been numerous complaints to us, that the said order is impracticable & vexatious to y^{e} : Inhabitants, by reason that those who make Plate or Jewells of Silver or Gold commonly have Goldsmiths to work in their houses clandestenly, which plate or Jewells, if made Publick by stamping, would occasion severall inconveniencys to the Proprietors of the same, for which reasons & many others that have been given us, wee the Govr : & Councill do hereby reverse the said order, and for the future, if any person or persons shall complain to us or the Justices of the Choultry, that any Goldsmith has debased Silver or Gold given him to work up, upon proof thereof hee or they shall not only have reperation for what injury done them, but also the Offender punished according to the Merit of the ffact. And this wee Order to be published in all Languages & Affixt at the severall Gates as usuall.

Pags : 11000 paid into Cash by the Warehousekeeper.

M^{R} : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : H : Comp^{s} : cash Eleven thousand Pagodas on Acco^{t} : Silver sold.

Pags : 20000, Order'd to be paid the Merchts :

The Joint Stock Merchants complaining their great want of money to carry on their present Investment, alledgeing they are obliged to advance great sums to the weavers at y^{e} : Looms, Wee considering the reasonableness of their request and that they have brought in a good quantity of Cloth, It is agreed that Twenty thousand Pagod^{s} : be paid them in further part of their Contract dated the 17th : August last for 150000 Pagodas.

Store of Grain to be sold to prevent damage.

There being about 40 Garse Bengall Rice in the Warehouse & about 20 Garse Paddy w^{ch} : was Bought in as a Store for the Garrison, also about 4 Garse Bengall Wheat, which has lain a long time in the Godown & now beginning to spoil, It is therefore order'd that all the Wheat and one half of the aforemention'd Rice & Paddy be sold at the price currant, to prevent further damage.

THO : PITT.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
JOHN MEVERELL.

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18TH Received Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 14th: Instant.

22 Received Generall Letter from Maddapollam, dated the 6th : Instant with the three accompanying musters of Betteela's.

Also from Vizagapatam dated the 2^{d}: Instant with their Acco^{t}: Cash for the months of Septemb^{r}: & October last, likewise copy of their Contract for Fourteen thousand Pagodas deliverable by the 30th : January next, with the severall musters of Cloth the said Contract is agreed upon.

SATURDAY 23

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THOMAS WRIGHT

M^{R} : JOHN : MEVERELL

MESS^{RS} : ELLIS & EMPSON *indispos'd*, & M^{R} : MARSHALL *at the Mount.*

The Ballance of the Sea Custo: Accots: dureing M^{r}: Wright's time paid into Cash and Pags; 1,000 by Ye: Present Custom^{r}:

M^{R} : Thomas Wright late Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: cash Pag^{s}: 252 : 18 : 20 being with the List of Debts amounting to Pag^{s}: 19: 18: 30 (now produc'd) the Ballance of the Sea Custom Acco^{ts} : dureing his time ending the last July 1700. And M^{r} : Matthew Empson, Sea Customer pays Pag^{s}: One thousand on that Acco^{t}: by M^{r} : Wigmore the Receiver.

The Stewards Acco^{t}: for October Mo: read.

Mr Henry Davenport produc'd his Steward's Acco^{t}: of Diet Expences for the month October last, which was read & approv'd.

Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, read. & 28 parcells of Pag^{s}: & fanams rec^{d}: thence deliverd to be Essay'd.

Generall Letter from ffort S^{t} : David dated the 14th : Instant read, and therewith receiveing twentyeight parcells of Pagodas & fanams Coin'd there all amounting to Pag^{s}: 13 : 20 the same are deliver'd the Mintmaster to be Essay'd and ffort S^{t} : David order'd to have credit for that Sum.

Two bills of Exchange from Fort S^{t}: David order'd to be paid.

Order'd that Pag^{s}: 152 : 18 be paid Charles Bugden & Pag^{s} : 58 : 25 be paid M^{r}: John Affleck being for two Bills drawn by the Dep: Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t} : David.

Letters received, read.

Generall Letter from Maddapollam dated the 6th : Instant and from Vizagapatam dated the 2^{d} : ditto both read.

Pags: 18,000 paid into Cash by the Warehouse-keeper.

M^{r}. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : cash Eighteen thousand Pag^{s} : on Acco^{t} : Silver and Goods sold.

Pags: 25 paid the Town Conicoply.

Order'd that Twenty five Pagodas be paid Wotta Lingua Town Conicopley for three mo^{ths} : ending the ult^{o} : October last.

The Jo: Stock Merch^{ts}: refuseing other Pags: than Madrass, Tevanapatam Pags: to be put into the Mint & coin'd.

Whereas 'twas order'd by the Govern^{r} : & Councill on the 16th : Instant, that the Joint Stock Merch^{ts} : should be paid Twenty thousand Pag^{s} : on acco^{t} : of their last Contract, the President accordingly tender'd the same in Pagodas Madrass, Tevenapatam, Olumgere, Policat &c^{a} : but the Merchants refused to accept thereof, alledgeing that none would pass up in the Country but Madrass Pag^{s} : of which wee had not in Cash above Two thousand five hundred, and no more procureable in y^{e} : Town whereupon (to prevent our Investment standing still) 'tis unanimously agreed that the President puts into the Mint to be melted down

and new coin'd, all the Tevanapatam Pagoda's that hee has in Cash, by reason that they come nearest in weight and matt to our Madrass Pagoda's

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL

ATT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY 27TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON
JOHN MEVERELL
MR: MARSHALL *at the Mount.*

Letters &ca: sent, read.

Generall Letter to the Cheif & Councill at Metchlepatam. A Protest to Mr: John Pitt the new Companys President & Councill at Metchlepm: To the Comander of the King William. To Medde Cawn Governour of Metchlepatam. To the Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam and to the Cheif and Councill of Maddapollam, all of this Date read & approv'd.

Pags: 18,000 paid into Cash by the Warehouse-keeper.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys cash Eighteen thousand Pagodas on Accot: Silver and Goods sold.

328 ps: Chints to be paid for.

The President now produceing the Accot: of 328 peices of Chints taken in by Order of Consultn: dated the 15th: October last and sent to England ℔ Ship Howland, amounting to Pags: 1450 : 21 : 30, the same is order'd to be paid him.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOMS: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David datd: the 26th: Instant. 29

Dispatch'd the severall Letters and papers mention'd in the foregoing consultation of the 27th: Instant ℔ Pattamars. 30

Parr Recovery Charles Hopkins Master arrivd: from Bengall, by whom received Generall Letter from the President &ca: Councill of Fort William dated the 13th: past, with the copy of another datd: the 5th: September last. DECEMBER 2

ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 4TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

Accot: Cash for the Mo: Novemr:

The President read his Accot: of the Rt: H: C: Cash for the month November last, Ballance being Pags: 52,737 : 23 : 3. MR: Thomas Wright read his

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Warehouse Acco^{t}: for M^{o}: Octob^{r}; & Land Custom Acco^{ts}: for d^{o}: M^{o}: all read.

Acco^{t}: of the Warehouse for the month October last, and M^{r}: John Meverell Land Customer read his Acco^{ts}: for ditto month particulars Viz^{t}:

Choultry Custom	Pag^{s}:	354 : 5 : 20
Trivlecane Custom	,,	— : 4 : —
Rubie Brokers	,,	6 : 19 . 40
Cloth Brokers	,,	1 : 17 : 15
Grass Cutters	,,	2 : 21 : 60
Town Rents	,	35 : 8 : 78
	Pag^{s}:	400 : 4 : 53

Pags: 392 p^{d}: into Cash for Land Customs.

and pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys cash Three hundred ninety two Pag^{s}: on that account.

Letter from Fort S^{t}: David, read.

Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 26th: November last, read.

Fort S^{t}: David bill now presented order'd to be paid, & two others p^{d}: without order of Consultation now approv'd.

Order'd that One hundred & fifty Pag^{s}: be paid M^{r}: Francis Bett being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep: Govern^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 26th: past. Also their two Bills both dated the 26th: November last, One for Pag^{s}: Five thousand payable to Botchu Chittee & Colastra Chittee, the other for Seven thousand Pagodas payable to Vengana and Maura Chittee were agreed to be discharg'd and accordingly were paid when presented.

Letter rec[d:] and one sent, read.

Generall Letter from Bengall dated 13th: Novemb^{r}: last, also Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}: David of this date, both read.

Gameing to be supprest & why.

Wee being inform'd that cock fighting and other Games are very much us'd and Practis'd by Handycraft Tradesmen of this place, wherein they consume the half of their time to their great impoverishment, by which they are render'd unable to provide for their Familys, besides it prevents the makeing of many manufactures in this place, and many other ill consequences attending it, destructive to the very Being of Trade itself, wherefore to Avert so great an Evil as will in time ensue thereby, Wee the Govern^{r}: & Councill do prohibit & forbid all manner of Gameing for money or moneys worth by all Merchants, Shopkeepers and all sorts of Handycrafts of this place and the bounds thereof upon Penalty of paying Twenty five Pag^{s}: every time 'tis prov'd upon them before the Justices of the Choultry that they have gain'd, Five Pagodas whereof to the informer, and the other twenty for the use of the Company. And in case upon proof, it appears tha any one has gamed for a trivial Sum̃, and that not to the Loss of time in his Profession, It is then left to the discretion of the Justices of the Choultry, to inflict such punishment by fine or otherwise as they shall think fitt. And this wee order to be published in the Country Languages, by Affixing the same at the severall Gates.

The J^{o}: Stock Merch^{ts}: to reimburse the Pres^{dt}: what Long Cloth & Salampores he has deliv^{d}: them more than what formerly rec^{d}:

Whereas the Councill did on the 11th: June last consent to the Presidents receiveing from the Warehousekeeper some Long Cloth and Salamp^{rs}: belonging to the Joint Stock Merchants, which were torn and thrown out, hee obligeing himself to bring into the Companys Warehouse Goods to be there sorted by their Musters, which the Warehousekeeper reports was accordingly done some time past, to a greater value than he received, the overplush of which is to be made him good by the Joint Stock Merchants.

The new Wall & works to be carried on by y^{e}: Directions of the Governour.

The Governour and Councill having surveigh'd and view'd Attapollam gate belonging to the black town, think it necessary to make a small work for clearing of the courtains on both sides, as also for the defence of the Gate, and therefore Order that the Paymaster forthwith getts all Materials together to do it as the Govern^{r}: shall Direct, and likewise to carry on the wall on both sides of the aforesaid Gate, keeping an account apart of the charge thereof, to the end it

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may be Defray'd out of the money already collected and to be Levied for that purpose.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Sea Customer read his acco^{ts}: for the months of August & September last, particulars Viz^{t}:

Sea Custom accots: for Mos: Aug^{t}: & September read.

Aug^{t}:—To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month ...	Pag^{s}:	742 :	4 :	3
To Custom on Grain	„	378 :	23 :	90
To Anchorage	„	86 :	18 :	—
To Tonnage	„	8 :	12 :	—
	Pag^{s}:	1215 :	21 :	93

Sep^{r}:—To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month ...	Pa :	931 :	1 :	32
To Custom on Grain	„	297 :	27 :	90
To Anchorage	„	85 :	— :	—
To Tonnage	„	20 :	30 :	—
	Pag^{s}:	2526 :	7 :	15

Order'd that Six hundred Pag^{s}: be advanc'd to Paulo &c^{a}: Washers for cureing the R^{t}: H: Comp^{s}: cloth, and one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid M^{r}: Thom^{s}: Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Pag^{s}: 600 to be p^{d}: the Washers & Pag^{s}: 1000 the Paymaster.

THO: PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.
THOM^{S}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dat^{d}: the 24th: November last with their Diary & Consult^{n}: comenceing 24th: September ending the 21st: Nov^{r}: last &c^{a}: papers. Also Generall Letter from Madd[ap^{m}:] dated the 19th: ditto and all other papers therein mention'd. 6

Dispatch'd General Letter to ffort S^{t}: David dated the 4th: Instant. 7

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 9TH

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS — THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON — THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

M^{r}: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco^{t}: Disbursements for the month October last, particulars Viz^{t}:

The Paymasters accots: for October, read.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s}:	1114 :	29 :	—.
Diet	„	220 :	35 :	—.
Charges Generall	„	371 :	14 :	—.
Charges Cattle	„	19 :	12 :	—.
Charges Merchandize	„	28 :	— :	—.
Charges Extraordinary	„	72 :	2 :	—.
Fortifications & Repairs	„	22 :	19 :	—.
	Pag^{s}:	2717 :	27 :	—.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: cash Eight thous^{d}: Pagodas on acco^{t}: Silver and Goods sold.

Pag^{s}: 8000 paid into cash by the Warehouse-keeper.

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Pag^{s}: 1000 order'd to be y^{e}: Paym^{r}: Letters received, read. Pags: 200 paid into Cash for Paddy sold.

Order'd that one thousand Pag^{s}: be paid M^{r}: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Generall Letters from Metchlepatam dated the 24th: November and from Maddapollam dat: 19th: d^{o}: &c^{a}: papers, all read.

The President pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: cash Two hundred Pag^{s}: being for so much Paddy deliver'd the Washers in M^{r}: Braddylls time.

Metchlepatam bill of Exchange order'd to be paid. Pag^{s}: 800 pd: into Cash on Acco^{t}: Sea Customs & Pag^{s}: 121: 27: 4 for Town Conicoplys Duty at y^{e}: Sea Gate.

Order'd that Pag^{s}: 174: 18 be paid Messrs: George Lewis & Thomas Wigmore, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Cheif &c^{a}: Councill at Metchlepatam dated the 24th: November last.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys cash Eight hundred Pag^{s}: on that acco^{t}: and M^{r}: Thomas Wigmore Receiver pays Pag^{s}: 121: 27: 4 being for Town Conicoplys Duty at the Sea Gate for eight m^{ths}: ending September last.

THO: PITT.
THO: WRIGHT.
THOM^{s}: MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

10 Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dat^{d}: 18th: November last.

11 Ship Thankfull Richard Phrip Comander arriv'd from Bencoolen & Acheen by whom received the following Pacquets Viz^{t}:

Generall Letter from York Fort dated 15th: March $\frac{1699}{700}$ with the severall papers as ꝑ List to N^{o}: 14.

From ditto dated 22^{d}: July last &c^{a}: papers to N^{o}: 8.

From [P]ryamong dated 31st: ditto.

THURSDAY 12TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

Letters received, read.

Generall Letters from Vizagapatam dat: 18th: November last, from York Fort dated 15th: March last, and another from ditto of the 22^{d}: July last, a[lso] from [P]ryamong dated the 31st: ditto, all read.

European entertain'd Soldier.

Order'd that Daniel Cane be Entertain'd a Sold^{r}: in this Garrison.

The Arrac farm Lett out for three years at 3400 pag^{s}: ꝑ an:

The Lease for the Arrac farm expireing the 14th: Instant, wee have for some time past had it under our consideration how to advance this ffarm in order to which, have sent severall times for Peter des Pommare the present ffarmer to know what hee would advance, who refused to give anything more than hee did the last year (which was Three thousand Pagodas) supposeing that nobody else would meddle with it: But the President procureing Josua Page and others to Bid, rais'd it to 3300 Pag^{s}: ꝑ annum, for a Lease for three years, whereupon 'twas agreed that Joshua Page &c^{a}: should have it, so order'd the former Arrac farmer to deliver up the Distills &c^{a}: as he receiv'd them from his Predecessor which when Peter des Pommare saw that wee had lett it for Three hundred Pag^{s}: ꝑ ann: Advance, hee offer'd one hundred Pag^{s}: ꝑ ann: more, upon which wee prevail'd with Joshua Page &c^{a}: to quitt their agreement, and for the same, 'twas agreed that the President should pay them One hundred Pagodas, and that Peter des Pommare should have a new Lease granted him for Three thousand four hundred Pagodas ꝑ ann: to comence from the expiration of his last Lease.

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Wee having often endeavour'd to lett out to ffarm the Beetle, Tobacco and Ganjee together, and being now again offer'd Eight thousand Pag^{s} : ⅌ annum, which is considerably more than wee make of it, so have resolv'd to Lett it, and accordingly have granted a Cowle to Ponnagettee Narso, Vincaty puttee, Narrain Chittee & Yellaree for three years to commence from the 17th : Instant.

The Beetle, Tobacco, & Ganjee farmed for 3 years at 8000 p gs : ⅌ annum.

There being a Duty here formerly collected cal'd the Town Brokerage upon what Bought & Sold, a moiety of which was paid the Company, and the other to the Brokers, who wee are assured have not delt farely with the Company, their Moiety yearly amounting to but One hundred & odd Pag^{s} : and sometimes under ; So have thought fitt to Lett it to Peerah, Gerie Dashew, Mahoo Devah & Parvahtiah for three years at Four hundred Pagodas ⅌ Ann : to commence from the 17th : Instant, by which means wee hope not only to find the true value of it, but also discover the ill practises of those that has had the management thereof for severall years past, in order to call 'em to an Acco^{t} : for the same.

The Town Brokerage, whereof the Compa : formerly only rec^{d} : a Moiety, now Lett for 3 years at 400 pags : ⅌ ann :

THO : PITT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.
THOM^{s} : MARSHALL.
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ketch Recovery Charles Hopkins Master saild for Fort S^{t} : David, by whom sent Generall Letter to the Dep : Govr : &c^{a} : Councill of this date. 21ST

Ship Simon [*Lacuna in the original*] Rose Master arrived from Vizagaptam. 23

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S^{t} : David of this date. 24

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 30

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL

M^{r} : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Accounts for the month November last, and pays into the R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{s} : cash Seventeen thousand Pagoda's on acco^{t} : Silver and Goods sold.

Warehouse Acco^{t} : for Nov^{r} : read & Pags : 17000 paid into cash by y^{e} : Warehouse-keeper.

Order'd that Caecer S^{t} : Iago be Entertain'd a Soldier in this Garrison.

[To] pass entertain'd Soldier.

Ship Prospect Francisco Nunis Master being bound to the Southward, and hee having promis'd to call at ffort S^{t} : David, Order'd that Five thousand Pagodas be sent on her, the Deputy Govr : &c^{a} : Councill having lately wrote pressingly for money.

Pags : 5000 to be sent to Fort S^{t} : David ⅌ Ship Prospect.

M^{r} : Matthew Empson Sea Customer read his Acco^{ts} : for the month October last, particulars Viz^{t} :

Sea Custom Acc^{ts} : for October, read and

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month ...	Pag^{s} :	1008 :	35 :	60
To Custom on Grain	,,	24 :	28 :	10
To Anchorage	,,	15 :	— :	—
To Tonnage	,,	8 :	12 :	—
	Pag^{s} :	1057 :	3 :	70

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Pags: 800 Paid into Cash by the Sea Customer.

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Eight hundred Pagodas on that Account.

Land Customers Accot: for Novr: read &

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer read his Accots: for the month of November last, particulars Vizt:

Choultry Custom ...	... ...	Pags: 303 : 33 : 50
Trivlecane Custom	... ...	,, —: 4 : 15
Rubie Brokers ...	... ...	,, 24 : 19 : 64
Cloth Brokers ...	... ...	,, —: 32 : 5
Registring Slaves ...	... ...	,, 1 : 12 : —
		Pags: 330 : 29 : 54

Pags: 324 paid into Cash by the Land Customer.

and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Three hundred twenty four Pags: on Accot: Land Customs.

Pags: 1000 to be paid ye: Paymr: and Pags: 1000 the Washers.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison, and One thousand Pagoda's be advanc'd to Paulo &ca: washers for cureing the Rt: Honble: Companys cloth.

Letter recd: and another sent, read.

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 10th: Instant, and to Fort St: David of this date, both read.

Hugh Kennedys bond to be deliver'd his Trustee, his Debt to ye: Compa: being Discharg'd

The York Fort Generall Letter dated the 15th: March last adviseing that Mr: Hugh Kennedys Bond to the Rt: Honble: Company for Six hundred ninety Dollars is made good in their Cash there, It is agreed that the said Bond be deliver'd to Mr: George Lewis his Trustee.

Tho: Pitt.
ffrancis Ellis.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.
Thoms: Marshall.
John Meverell

31ST

Ship Prospect ffrancisco Nunis sail'd for Fort St: David, by whom sent Generall Letter to the Dep: Governr: &ca: Councill of yesterdays date, incloseing Bill Lading for Five thousand Pagodas.

List of persons in the Service of the Rt: Honble: English East India Company in Fort St: George &ca: Places on the Coast of Choromandell.

	Arrival in India.	Present Degree.	Salary. £.
1. Thomas Pitt his wife in England ...	July 7th: 1698.	Govr: Gratuity	200 100
2. Francis Ellis Accomptant	June 23, 1672.	2d: Counl:	100
3. Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper married E.W.	June 16, 1684.	3 Counl:	70
4. Matthew Empson Sea Customer married Casteez	July 20, 1687.	4 Counl:	50
5. Thomas Marshall Paymr: & Judge Advocate Mard: E.W.	Feby: 3, 169¾.	5 Counl: as Judge	40 100
6. John Meverell Land Customer	July 22, 1687.	6 Counl:	40
7. Francis Bett Provl: Storekeeper & Rentall Genl:	... ...	Senr: Mercht:	40
8. Vicessimus Griffith Searcher at Sea Gate mard: Casteez	May 29, 1685.	Ditto	40
9. Richard Hunt under the Accomptant ...	... ...	Ditto	40
10. Matt: Mead Atty: Genl: & Sorter Entertain'd here, mard: E.W. ...	Janry: 1, 169⅔.	Ditto as Atty: Genl:	40 50

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	Arrival in India.	Present Degree.	Salary. £.
11. Thomas Wigmore Receiver of the Sea Customs mar^{d}: E. W.	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692.	Senr: Merch^{t}:	40
12. John Penford Assistant to the Land Customer	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692.	Ditto	40
13. Thomas Lovell	Feb^{y}: 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Merch^{t}:	30
14. Gulston Addison Under Searcher at the Sea Gate	Febr^{y}: 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$.	Merch^{t}:	30
15. Charles Bugden Secretary mar^{d}: Casteez.	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692.	Ditto } Gratuity }	30 10
16. Tho: Harris Translater of Jentu & Look after y^{e}: New Towns m^{d}: Casteez ...	Nov^{r}: 23, 1692.	Merch^{t}:	30
17. Henry Dobyns Register married E.W. ...	Feb^{y}: 19, 169$\frac{6}{7}$.	Factor	15
18. Thomas Matthews at the Sea Gate ...	Nov^{r}: 21, 1697.	Ditto	15
19. William Bull	May 31, 1699.	Ditto	15
20. Henry Davenport Steward	Feb^{r}: 4, 169$\frac{5}{6}$.	Writer	5
21. William Jennings under y^{e}: Warehouse-keeper	July 2, 1700.	Ditto	5
22. William Dean under the Secretary ...	July 18, 1700.	Ditto	5
23. George Lewis } Ministers.			
24. James Wendey }			
25. Edward Bulkley Surgeon.			
26. Francis Cook } Essaymasters.			
27. John Cook }			

FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

1. William Fraser Esqr:	May 31st: 1685.	D. Govr:	
2. John Haynes Book-keeper & Coin Melter of Cuddalore	... ...	2^{d}: Councill	40
3. Ralph Ingram Warehousekeeper Mar^{d}: E.W.	... ...	3 Coun^{l}:	40
4. Edmund Mountague Sea Customer of Cuddalore	.. ...	4 Coun^{l}:	40
5. Richard Farmer Paymaster mar^{d}: E.W.	Septemb^{r}: 5, 1684.	5 Coun^{l}:	40
6. Trevor Games Land Customer Cuddalore mar^{d}: Casteez	June 6, 1688.	6 Coun^{l}:	40
7. Robert Craunwell Storekeeper	July 22, 1687.	7 Coun^{l}:	40
8. John Berlu Sea & Land Customer of Tevenapatam	July 22, 1687.	8 Coun^{l}:	40
9. Edward Bawgus Translater of Country Letters	Nov^{r}: 5, 1689.	Merch^{t}:	30
10. John Bulteel Secretary	October 1, 1692.	Ditto	30
11. Joseph Royer Chirurgeon.			

METCHLEPATAM.

1. John Foquett married E.W.	October 15, 1687.	Cheif	40
2. Joseph Hiller married E W.	Nov^{r}: 23, 169$\frac{2}{3}$.	2 Coun^{l}:	40
3. Thomas Faucett m^{d}: E.W.	... ...	3 Coun^{l}:	30
4. Edmund Bugden m^{d}: E.W.	Nov^{r}: 23, 169$\frac{2}{3}$.	4 Coun^{l}:	30

VIZAGAPATAM.

1. Simon Holcombe married E.W.	May 31, 1685.	Cheif	40
2. Samuel Owen Book-keeper	July 30, 1682.	2 Coun^{l}:	40
3. Thomas Stables Warehousekeeper ...	... ...	3 Coun^{l}:	40

MADAPOLLAM.

1. Stephen Frewen	February 3, 169$\frac{3}{4}$.	Cheif	40
2. John Rowland	February 4, 169$\frac{5}{6}$.	2 Coun^{l}:	30
3. Jeremiah Harrison Entertain'd in India.	July 15, 1700.	3 Coun^{l}:	30

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List of Freemen Inhabitants.

1. Daniel Chardin married French Woman.
2. John Affleck married Casteez.
3. George Heron married Georgeon.
4. James Sowdon.
5. Jeremiah Peachie.
6. Charles Fleetwood.
7. William Brooke married E.W.
8. Roger Braddyll.
9. William How
10. Samuel Glover.
11. John Powell.
12. John Barker, married Musteez.
13. Joshua Page his wife in England.
14. Simon Kilpatrick.
15. Charles Bromsted.
16. Henry Whistler.
17. George Turvil, married Musteez.
18. Charles Alleyn.
19. William Mayhew married Musteez.
20. Christopher Allen married Musteez.
21. Peter Grossin married Casteez.
22. William Griffin.
23. Charles Chardin.
24. Thomas Nicholas.
25. Thomas Bowyear.
26. John Cornelious.
27. Joseph Newman.
28. Samuel Berthon.
29. Peter des Pommare mar^d: Musteez.

List of Sea-fareing men not constant Inhabit^s:

1. Robert Pitt.
2. Edward Fleetwood married E W.
3. Charles Fleetwood married E.W.
4. Maxamilion Fleetwood.
5. Armiger Gostlin married E.W.
6. Joseph Lister.
7. Richard Phrip.
8. Samuel Hart married Casteez.
9. John Wheeler married E.W.
10. Henry Griffith married Casteez.
11. Christopher Dixon married Casteez.
12. Henry Harnett mar^d: E.W.
13. William Morrice.
14. John Tyler, mar^d: E.W.
15. George Weoley.
16. William Handcock.
17. John Cockroft married Musteez.
18. William Leggat married Casteez.
19. Zachariah Stilgo mar^d: E.W.
20. Owen Channell mar^d: E.W.
21. Thomas Plumb mar^d: Casteez.
22. Edward Bell mar^d: Musteez.
23. William Cawley, his wife in England.
24. William Rogers.
25. Richard Rawlings.
26. Samuel Heaton married E.W.
27. Peter Eyes.
28. Charles Hopkins.
29. John Ferguson.
30. Roger Newberry.
31. Lockyre Watts.
32. Thom^s: Edwards married Casteez.
33. John Wesendonck mar^d: E.W.
34. William Soame.
35. Peter Wallis.
36. Peter Griffi[th].
[37.] John [ ].
[38.] Edm^d: Ford mar^d: Casteez.
[39.] Gersham Goldsmith.

Widows.

1. Eliz: Trenchfeild.
2. Margery Heathfeild.
3. Elizabeth Carrell.
4. Ursula Oneal.
5. Mary Lacy.
6. Sarah How.
7. Mary Ivory.
8. Susanna Harbin.
9. Mary Gyfford.
10. Eliz: Parham.
11. Elizabeth Goodman.

Young Women Unmarried.

1. Lucy Poirier.
2. Ann Masters.
3. Isabella Budd.
4. Mary Man.
5. Ann Wright.
6. Judith Paine.
7. [. . .] Middleton.
8. Theopalah Heathfeild.

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